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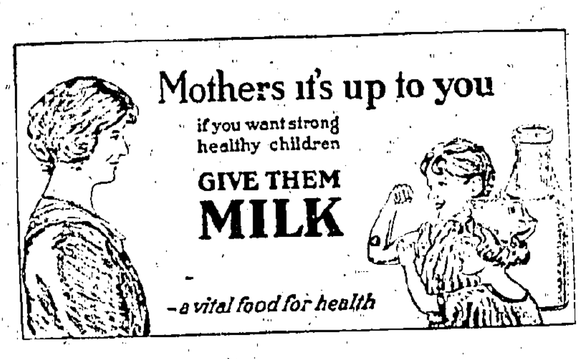
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PROFITS OF ARMY AND NAVY STORES.

LONDON, May 1st.

The Army and Navy Stores for the year ending the 27th January made £134,000, compared with £14,000 in the previous year, when the profits were seriously affected, *inter alia*, by the depreciation of Indian exchange. A dividend has been declared at the rate of 15 per cent.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN LAW.

LONDON, May 1st.

The House of Commons has adopted a resolution establishing a Joint Parliamentary Committee to examine British law with regard to married women, questions involved in possession by husband and wife of the same or different nationality and the operation of the laws of foreign countries in this connection with a view to ascertaining whether it is desirable to make alterations in British law.

CLERGY IN THE COLONIES.

LONDON, May 2nd.

The serious shortage of clergy, not only in England but in the Dominions, was voiced at the annual meeting of the Colonial and Continental Church Society. The Rev. J. D. Mullings, Secretary, declared that over 200 clergymen were needed on the Canadian prairies and in British Columbia alone. He said that the Bishop of Saskatchewan had shocked many people by installing a deaconess as pastor in a district which was otherwise neglected.

Archdeacon Low of Kenya said there was a large district without a chaplain in East Africa, where good feeling between the natives and settlers prevailed. He appealed to clergymen of means to volunteer to undertake the duties of unsalaried parson.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

LONDON, May 3rd.

The Times Political correspondent states that the Duke of Devonshire's intervention in the Imperial Preference debate in the Lords is most interesting, as he disclosed that the Government was proceeding in close touch with the Dominions to work out solutions of problems which would be of profound utility and service to the Mother Country as well as the Dominions. If the Government found in the light of that experience and after consultation with representatives of the Dominions that it was necessary to ask for wider powers they would not hesitate to do so. Migration was not a policy of despair, nor a temporary expedient for grappling with unemployment, but a means whereby the great untouched resources of the Empire could be turned to the most useful account and to the benefit of civilisation. If the Government seized the present opportunity it would be able to add still further to the natural benefit of the property of the Empire by well-conceived schemes in conjunction with the Dominions. Lord Birkenhead pointed out that our territory was no less rich than the United States if properly developed and administered. If we gave credit to our own people they would create a self-sufficient market comparable with any in the world.

LORD CURZON ON GERMAN PROPOSALS.

LEAFIELD (OXFORD), May 4th.

Although France and Belgium, as the result of their efforts in the Ruhr, have special interests in the development of the situation, all the Allies are of course directly affected by all developments having a bearing upon the broad question of German reparations. Consequently an exchange of views among the Allies in regard to the situation arising out of the German proposals is understood to be taking place through the usual diplomatic channels. An important reference to the situation—the first made by members of the British Government since the receipt of the German proposals—was made this afternoon by Lord Curzon, Foreign Secretary, in the course of a speech at a political gathering. He admitted that clouds lay rather heavily over Central Europe and said some people might think those clouds had not been greatly lightened by the events of the last twenty-four hours. "To that I reply that you could not expect a swift or sudden solution to a situation so complicated as this. For my part, each move which is made, even if it is of an imperceptible character, seems to be a step in advance. I decline to regard the situation in any spirit of despondency or despair. Government is in close consultation with the French and Belgian Allies. If the offer of Germany is good or bad it is a question which concerns us all. We shall only emerge from this difficult situation by concerted action and if the Germans are confronted with the advice, decision and action of all the principal powers concerned, the chance of success will be greatly increased." Marquess Curzon also spoke hopefully of the Lausanne Conference. He declared it was to the interest of neither side to renew the fight. The differences between the Turks and ourselves were not of a character to justify an irreconcilable feud. The Foreign Secretary said that another part of the East where things were setting down was Egypt. We were endeavouring to formulate a condition which would enable Egypt to secure her own independence subject only to guarantees necessitated by our Imperial position and responsibilities. He looked forward to the time when a free and independent Egyptain people would be one of the great communities of friendly states in close alliance and association with the British Crown. Marquess Curzon spoke of the need of developing the tremendous resources existing within the British Empire and said he placed great hopes upon the Imperial Economic Conference next October.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, April 18th.

However decisively Scottish representative teams may be beaten in other forms of sport, there is some comfort in her success under the Association code, still the most popular winter game north of the Tweed. Although unable to defeat the English eleven at Glasgow, Scotland secured an honourable draw, and with it the International championship for the season. A feature of the game was that, though four goals were scored, Scotland never at any time secured the lead. The wide passing movements and rapid onslaughts of the English attack gave the home defence, which included two out of the three Anglo-Scots in the team, many anxious moments, and although Scotland had, perhaps, most of the play, the contrasting style of close passing did not prove too successful from the point of view of securing goals. The thrustfulness of the English forwards, on the other hand, always spelt danger against the defence which was by no means the strongest section of the home team.

Neither eleven were a truly great International side. The Scottish forwards came nearest to the standards, but fell just short of it because of their failure to finish their work. They played too close all through the first half, though, had Wilson been in his usual form at centre the game would have been won for the Scots then. They improved their methods in that respect in the second half, until the equalising goal was secured, and relapsed again into the old failing. Wilson was a first-rate leader after the interval, but Cunningham was the outstanding personality in a Scottish attack that excelled the English vanguard in all essential points of play. The Scottish half-backs, on the other hand, were far below International class. Occasionally Muirhead and Cringan were clever, and they made no fatal slips. The occasion was altogether too big for Steele. The Scottish backs were also weak, particularly Blair, who was mainly responsible for the loss of both goals. Hutton was at a disadvantage because of the weakness alongside of him and in front of him, and before the close was playing a sound, reliable game. Harper might have shown more enterprise when the goals were scored, but as both points accrued from headers the goalkeeper really had not much chance. The credit of the draw belongs almost entirely to the English Captain, Wilson, and his backs and goalkeeper.

THE LEAGUE.

In the five League matches on the card, only one was of any importance—that between Albion Rovers and Aberdeen. The Coatbridge club are threatened with relegation, and they made a great fight, deserving their 2 to 1 win.

In the Second Division Queen's Park made certain of gaining promotion, Clydebank and St. Johnstone (Perth) are still struggling for the second place and the honour of accompanying the amateurs into the ranks of the seniors.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY.

The Border seven-a-side season is in full swing, and in the Melrose competition Heriots were successful in the final, defeating Gala. Twelve teams took the field.

BRILLIANT PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

The Scottish professionals had a shocking day for their first open meeting of the year—their competition at St. Andrews for the five qualifying places awarded to the Scottish section in the final stages of the *Daily Mail* £1,000 tournament. There was much remarkable golf, Gordon Lockhart, who is going to take part in all the tournaments this year, having a magnificent round of 75. Butchart, of Barassie, also did a 75, but Lockhart's round was outstanding because he came home in a wonderful 36. The qualifiers were—A. W. Butchart, Barassie, 153; Gordon Lockhart, Gleneagles, 156; W. M'Minn, Killermont, 157; R. Turner, Williamwood, 157; and J. M'Dowall, Prestwick, 160.

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

"SOFTENING THE LANGUAGE."

The House of Bishops of the National Assembly of the Church of England met at Church House, Westminster, last month, to consider the revised Prayer Book and the revised Prayer Psalter. The House of Clergy has already given general approval of the revised Prayer Book and the House of Laity will meet on April 25th to consider it.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided, said it was the first time the bishops of the two provinces were sitting together in public. He thought they should give general approval to the proposals, for they were merely fulfilling a demand that had been pressing upon them for half a century.

"We do want our Prayer Book to correspond with the desires of the souls of the people to whom we want to minister. We do want to meet the uprising wish of people whose thoughts are new and who have had a fresh start and stimulus in their whole religious life."

The Bishop of Chichester, who moved that general approval should be given to the revised Prayer Book, said the measure was entirely permissive and if it were carried there would be no legal necessity of compelling any clergy or congregations who dreaded change to adopt any single clause in the schedule. In the present marriage service there were words of outspoken plainness which the squeamishness of the day would not allow to be heard in church.

"We propose," he said, "to soften the language but to retain the message which the Church wishes to deliver on the primary purpose of marriage. In the burial service there are phrases which sometimes become unreal, and therefore an alternative form of committal of the body to the grave has been drafted."

The Bishop of Truro, seconding, said the proposal was for an ordered elasticity.

The Bishop of Durham (Dr. Henson) said he should vote for general approval with reservations. It was a very noteworthy thing that there was no popular demand for a revision at all, and such demand as there was appeared to be wholly clerical. "The proposed changes are largely of the nature of concessions to the law-breaking party," declared Dr. Henson. "The so-called Catholic Party has been absolutely alone in breaking the law on principle—that is, in repudiating the law itself."

He should oppose the proposals which affect the Holy Communion service.

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WORLD'S BIG DOCKS.

WHERE THEY ARE.

When the s.s. *Leviathan* commences her work in the North Atlantic passenger trade in July next, says *Syren*, there will be five vessels ranging from 45,000 to 56,000 tons which will make the port of Southampton their terminal. These ships are the *Majestic*, *Leviathan*, *Berengaria*, *Olympic* and *Aquitania*. With regard to vessels of this size the question of dry-dock facilities is of great importance.

Three of the vessels named are German-built and provision was made for dry-docking them at Hamburg by building a huge floating dock. This structure was surrendered to Great Britain after the war, and the White Star Company offered the Government £100,000 for it. The sum demanded, however, was £200,000, and as this was considered far too high, the negotiations fell through, and then "the British Government sold the dock to the Germans" for £10,000. The Trafalgar Dock at Southampton, after a little extension, is now capable of accommodating vessels of any size except the *Majestic* and *Leviathan*. To remove this disability a floating dry dock is now under construction by Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., and when it is completed and in place it will not be necessary for the two vessels named to be drydocked elsewhere.

It is an interesting question as to how many ports there are in the world where ships of this enormous tonnage can undergo hull repair or cleaning. The only graving dock in the British Islands which is capable of admitting these huge vessels is the Gladstone Dock, Liverpool. Unfortunately, however, this is at present out of commission and will remain so for the next 18 months during which time that section of the estate of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board is being extended and developed. New docks are being constructed, and a new river entrance made.

This question of dry-dock accommodation for super ships emphasizes the fact that the range of selection of ports with dry-docking facilities for the largest type of Atlantic liners is comparatively limited. The *Majestic*, it must be remembered, has a length between perpendiculars of 915 ft. 9 in.; a beam of 100 ft. 1 in.; and a depth of 58 ft. 2 in. The *Leviathan* is 7 or 8 ft. shorter, but 2 in. more beam. In order that such ships can be comfortably dry-docked, it is obvious that the graving dock will have to be in excess of those dimensions except in the matter of depth. With regard to the latter, there will certainly have to be a little more than 40 ft. of water on the cill to take them without risk. A glance at the following list of the world's largest graving docks will show that harbour authorities in general do not cater in this direction for super ships:

THE WORLD'S LARGEST DRY-DOCKS.

	Length. ft. in.	Breadth. ft. in.	Depth. ft. in.
Liverpool:			
Gladstone Dock	1,050	120	43 2
Canada Graving Dock	925 6	94	32 1
Southampton:			
Trafalgar Dock	897	100	35
Le Havre:			
Cale du Bassin de Maree	1,049	113	26
Naples:			
Dry Dock	984	124 9	39 4
Bombay:			
Hughes Dry Dock	1,000	100	36 3
Quebec:			
Victoria (B.C.): Dry Dock	1,150	120	40
Boston (Mass.):			
Commonwealth Dry Dock	1,200	120	46
Blemerton (Wash):			
Dry Dock	950	130	23 6
Norfolk (Va.):			
Dry Dock	1,022	144	40
Philadephia (Navy Yard):			
Dry Dock	1,022	115 4	43 5
San Francisco:			
Dry Dock (Hunters Point No. 2.)	1,020	150	40
Balboa (Panama):			
Terminal Dry Dock No. 1	1,110	110	47 9
Pearl Harbour (Hawaii):			
Dry Dock	1,008	114	35
London:			
King George V.	750	100	33 6
Tilbury	700	70	35
Singapore:			
The Kings Dock	879	100	34

EINSTEIN'S THEORY.

SOLAR ECLIPSE CONFIRMATION.

Dr. Campbell, Director of the Lick Observatory and head of the Wallal Expedition, in a statement, says:—

The photographs of the eclipse of the sun confirm Einstein's theory. The photographs were secured with two specially designed cameras, with lenses having apertures of 5in. in diameter and focal lengths of 15ft. Four sensitive plates, 17in. square, each recorded the images of several scores of stars in the group surrounding the sun, though in reality these stars were many million times as far away from us as the sun. The same cameras were used three months earlier at Tahiti to photograph the same stars when they were in a night sky and without the sun in their midst.

Einstein said that his theory must stand three astronomical tests successfully or be revised, one of the three tests consisting of the eclipse problem, with which we are now concerned. Dr. Trumpler and myself in recent months each measured three of the four Australian plates and three corresponding night plates completely independently. The number of star images measured on the plates varied from sixty-two as a minimum to eighty-four as a maximum. Four out of six tests of measures have been subject to rigorous mathematical treatment, and five results for the bending of stellar rays just grazing the sun's edge are in close accord. They vary from a minimum of 1.59 seconds of arc to 1.86. The average of the five values is 1.74 seconds of arc.

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THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE.

SIR ARTHUR KEITH ON HUMAN EVOLUTION.

WHY MAN IS TAILLESS.

Delivering the second of his lectures at the Royal Institution recently on the machinery of human evolution, Professor Sir Arthur Keith threw fresh light on the means that have been and are being, employed by nature to make man more fitted to his environment. The essential feature of his theory is that there is as grim a struggle based on the principle of natural selection going on in embryonic life, as continues when once man has been born.

Sir Arthur Keith illustrated this theory by comparing the various parts of an embryo with the spending departments of a Government existing under the tyranny of a Geddes axe. Until the axe was operative, each spent more or less according to its desires, but once the axe system came into force every expenditure had to be justified. The body of a man could be compared with such a city as London, with one process making for improvement and another resisting change. In the body could be found survivals comparable with the mews of the superseded hansom, or the chadoliers and candelabra intended to be used for candles.

Some of these remnants or vestigial structures were very old, while others were more recent. There was, for instance, the so-called palatal nose. In the horse or ox this served a useful purpose, for the animal, after allowing food to pass the front teeth and the mouth, was able definitely to smell it by the palatal nose in the mouth before it reached the throat. Once, however, the ape had developed the hand and acquired the habit of using this organ to approach the food to the nose before taking it into the mouth, the value of the nose cleft situated in the roof of the mouth vanished, and was only a vestigial structure long before man came into existence.

The pineal gland was even older in date. In the reptile it was in effect a third eye, situated on the back, and, as life then was, served a useful function. In a man it had been sunk deep in the brain, and survived only because, like the chandelier, it had taken on in some mysterious way a new function, that of regulating growth.

THE GEDDES AXE IN NATURE.

Naturalists had long realised that Nature utilised a Geddes axe, but they were not certain as to how this axe operated. Unlike the Simian order to which man belonged, he was naked except on the head. In this connection it was interesting to notice that six weeks before birth the anthropoid was as naked as the new-born human child. In some way or other Nature had succeeded in arresting hair growth in human bodies at the stage reached by anthropoids before birth.

Nature seemed, in fact, to nip a useless structure in the bud, instead of allowing it to grow up and then eliminating it. It was probable that the chemical messengers sent out by the three small glands, the pituitary, the thyroid, and the suprarenal, represented part of the machinery by which there was adaptation of the embryo. It was clear that at one time man had well-developed canine teeth as weapons of offence and defence. These, however, were fully formed before they came into action, and, therefore, their disappearance could not be due to their non-utilisation. It was to be presumed that their reduction in size was due to the modification of substances thrown into the circulating blood.

THE TAIL IN MAN.

Surgeons in examining recruits for war purposes had been surprised to find that traces of an outward tail were commoner than had been thought. In the sixth week of development every human embryo had a tail, but this, instead of growing in length as in the ape, withered and disappeared below the surface, as it did in the case of the gorilla, the chimpanzee, the ourang-outang, and the gibbon. The loss of the tail in man was similar to what occurred to the tadpole, and if the thyroid gland of the tadpole was not healthy, and if it failed to send out the requisite chemical messengers into the blood stream, the tail of the tadpole failed to disappear.

The nature of the machinery, Sir Arthur Keith insisted, never could be understood by the biologists, who believed that the embryo went on repeating in the womb the history of its ancestors. This argument had led certain men to believe that the ape was descended from man instead of man from the ape, a view absolutely disproved by the geological records. Herbert Spencer had long ago advised biologists to study the growth of cities and nations in order to realise how human and animal bodies had attained to their present high estates.

In the body of an embryo, as in a city, there was a continual struggle going on between the reformers and the die-hards. In the embryonic body it was necessary to suppose that there was a continuous struggle between the various departments regulating development and growth. In this struggle useless structures like the tail were starved out. The struggle for survival, recognised by Darwin as part of the machinery of evolution, was as true of the living units making up an embryo as it was of human communities.

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The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The business of insurance, and particularly marine insurance, during the past 18 months has been conducted during times of great difficulty and changing conditions. The number of Insurance Companies which commenced business in recent years with high hopes of success and which have since passed out of existence, or have ceased to transact marine business, testifies to the difficulty of the times. These failures have been caused largely by indiscriminate rate cutting with a view to obtaining a footing in the Marine Market, and to the fact that the trade conditions of the world have so quickly altered, high values falling to low values, and great trade activity passing to great trade depression. The Society in common with all Companies transacting Marine and Fire business has had to face a restricted market, which has involved a certain decrease in its premium income, but I think you will agree that notwithstanding the many difficulties with which we have been faced, our figures reflect the fact that we have maintained our position in the insurance markets of the world.

Gentlemen, the Report and Accounts were issued on the 11th May, which will have given you ample time to study our figures, and I propose, therefore, to follow the usual procedure, and take them as well as the Auditor's Report as read. The working account for the year 1921, after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24s. per share, shows that the balance available for distribution is £400,593. 1s. 11d. and your Directors recommend that this balance be allocated as follows:—

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BONUS DIVIDEND DISCONTINUED.

During the years preceding the trade depression already referred to, your Directors were anxious that you should participate to the full in the profits that were being made and they inaugurated a bonus dividend. My predecessors in the chair for the past three years have struck a note of warning forecasting that this bonus dividend might be discontinued if trade did not quickly improve, and, after much consideration, we have decided that notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you the most prudent course is to discontinue the payment of a bonus dividend this year. The usual dividend of the Society remains unaltered and your Directors feel that under ordinary circumstances the payment now being made can be well maintained in future years, and increased as the trade conditions of the world adjust themselves.

With reference to the figures in the Report I would explain that the Society's investments are taken at the Market value as at the 31st December last, and where any doubt has existed as to the intrinsic value of any of our investments they have been written down to a conservative figure. Interest received shows a decrease, but the question of exchange affects us here, and as regards our balance sheet totals I would remind you that the silver dollar was worth 2s. 7d. on the 31st December, 1921, as against 2. 2½d. on the 31st December, 1922; also, that the cross rate for American gold dollars was 4.21½ on the 31st December, 1921, as against 4.63½ on the 31st December, 1922. There is no method that can place us outside the position of being affected by exchange, but I think it is reasonable to conclude that we are reaching a more normal period in this respect. Our loss ratios must be considered satisfactory if you recollect the difficult times through which we have passed.

CONDITION IN CHINA.

I much regret that the unsettled conditions in China still continue seriously hampering trade, and whilst the country is passing through a transition period of great trial, I feel that a bright future for it is certain, as its great resources, enterprise, and the good sense of its people will surely overcome the present difficulties. Steps have been taken to strengthen our position in our home field and we do not doubt that we shall receive our fair share of new business when the trade of China in which we are all so interested revives.

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Gentlemen, our business is world-wide and our position to-day reflects credit on the management and staff for never in the Society's history has the work required more skill and care than at the present time. Under all these circumstances I feel confident, Gentlemen, that you will heartily approve the usual bonus of 15 per cent., which we have voted to the credit of members of the staff holding Provident Fund agreements. I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

THE HON. A. G. STEPHEN'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, in seconding the speech said:—We have heard with interest the Chairman's remarks, and I am sure you will all agree with me that our thanks are due to the Directors, the General Manager and Staff for the able way in which they have weathered the storms of the past two years. The war and post-war boom was responsible for many mushroom growths in all branches of trade and finance, and it was only natural that insurance should attract its share of new enthusiasts. It was also the natural order that when the boom had run its course, losses came which the new concerns could not face and they therefore had, in many cases, to go to the wall, but they were very troublesome competitors while they were in existence. The Union originated in local enterprise and we feel justly proud of it when we see the splendid position it is in as evidenced by the excellent balance sheet now before us. Good reserves, well invested, make it a solid institution capable of meeting all possible contingencies in its world-wide business. I may say that I have been privileged to see a list of the securities constituting these reserves, and I can assure you that they are such as would satisfy the most fastidious in such matters. As the Chairman has pointed out, comparisons between the balance sheet of one year with that of another are difficult owing to the factor of the exchanges. There is no method of avoiding that factor, but I am sure we are all much comforted by the Chairman's assurance that it is reasonably likely we are reaching a more normal period in respect of exchange. It was to be expected that the figures of the balance-sheet should show some reduction on those of the previous year. The reports of insurance companies, especially marine, are bound to reflect faithfully the conditions of business—as the fall in prices of commodities and the world-wide depreciation in trade during the last two years are bound to be so reflected in our balance sheet. No doubt some of you regret the absence of a bonus, but, gentlemen, we were amply warned that it was of a temporary nature dependant on an improvement in trade, so I think you will agree with me that the Directors used a wise discretion in adopting the prudent course of discontinuing it this year. It is a pleasure, however, to feel that the handsome ordinary dividend of the Society can be maintained. With a return to sound and normal trade which we all look forward to, we may even see a steady increase in the distribution, but "safety first" should be our motto. I am sure the bonus of 15 per cent. to the Provident Funds of the Staff has the hearty approval of the shareholders. With our far-flung commitments we are more than ever dependent on their vigilant activities everywhere. In this connection I am sure we all wish that our General Manager, who has done so much for the Company, will soon be restored to complete health. I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.—(Applause).

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Mr. C. CHAMPKIN, seconded by Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Halyoak and Mr. G. M. Dodwell were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year on the motion of Mr. H. HANCOCK, seconded by Mr. H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN.

This was all the business before the meeting.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

AMALGAMATION WITH CENTRAL ESTATES.

DECISION TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL TO $10,000,000.

The second extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., yesterday, for the purpose of confirming as special resolutions the extraordinary resolutions passed at the first extraordinary meeting in connection with the amalgamation of the Company with the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd.

The chair was taken by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and those present at the meeting were the Rev. Father Robert, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (Directors), Mr. M. H. Turner (solicitor), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Acting Secretary) and Messrs. W. E. L. Shenton, J. Wilton, G. W. Barton, J. M. Alves, J. T. Bagram, E. Sadick, A. A. Guterres, Yau Yik Cheuk, Lee Ping Seen, Yu In Sheung, Lau Hi Nam, and H. Percy Smith.

The CHAIRMAN, explaining the objects of the meeting, said that under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance it was necessary that the approval of the new memorandum and Articles of Association should be signified by special resolutions, and it was for the passing of these resolutions (*inter alia*) that the meeting had been called.

The CHAIRMAN then moved the confirmation as a special resolution of the first resolution, namely,

1.—That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this meeting.

Mr. G. W. BARTON seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the confirmation as a special resolution of the second resolution, namely,

2.—That the new Articles already approved by this meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

Mr. J. M. ALVES seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then went on to say:—This meeting will now be continued for the purpose of dealing with the further business which according to the said Notice is to be brought before it; namely, the consideration, and if thought fit, the passing as extraordinary resolutions of the resolutions (Nos. 3 and 4) set out in the Notice and already read to you by the Secretary.

The first of these last mentioned resolutions, namely, that numbered 3, concerns the proposal to divide each of the existing 50,000 fully paid up shares of $100 each, constituting the Company's present Capital of $5,000,000 into four fully paid up shares of $25 each so as to make such Capital $5,000,000 consisting of 200,000 fully paid up shares of $25 each.

The effect of the resolution, if passed, will naturally be not only to reduce the nominal value of the shares in question to $25 each, but also to reduce the market value more or less correspondingly, and thus render the shares more marketable.

The next resolution for your consideration is that numbered 4 in the Notice, which relates to the proposal to increase the Company's capital from its present figure of $5,000,000 to $10,000,000.

As you know under the agreement we have entered into with the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., which was duly approved by the members of this Company at the meeting held for that purpose on May 3rd last, every member of that Company in consideration of the assignment thereby agreed upon to this Company is to receive four shares of the nominal value of $25 of the capital of this Company in respect of each share of $100, held by such member in the capital of the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. All our capital has been issued and it is therefore necessary to increase the capital of this Company. The balance of the fresh capital, i.e., $4,000,000 will be issued by the Directors as and when they consider same to be necessary in the interests of the Company. Your Directors consider it advisable to have a reserve of unissued capital for any purposes that the interests of the Company may call for.

I do not think there is anything further I need say but I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer such questions and give such explanation to the best of my ability. If no questions are asked, or explanation sought, I shall assume that you approve of both of the resolutions in question, and will thereupon propose separately each of such resolutions."

There were no questions, and the CHAIRMAN then put the following extraordinary resolution:—

3.—That each of the existing 50,000 fully paid up shares of $100 each constituting the Company's present Capital of $5,000,000 be divided into four fully paid up shares of $25 each so as to make such Capital of $5,000,000 consisting of 200,000 fully paid up shares of $25 each.

Mr. GUTERRES seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the following further extraordinary resolution.

4.—That after the division aforesaid, the Capital of the Company be increased from $5,000,000 consisting as aforesaid, to $10,000,000 divided into 400,000 shares of $25 each by the creation of 200,000 new shares of $25 each—40,000 of such new shares to be issued and allotted in accordance with clause eight of the Conditional Agreement for the amalgamation with this Company of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited duly approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Thursday, the 3rd day of May, 1923, and the balance thereof to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit.

This was seconded by Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON, and carried unanimously.

This completed the business of the meeting, and the CHAIRMAN announced that a further extraordinary general meeting would be held at the same place on the 14th June for the purpose, if thought fit, of confirming the two extraordinary resolutions just passed.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

This meeting was followed by a meeting of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., for the purpose of confirming extraordinary resolutions passed at the last extraordinary meeting of the Company.

The chair was taken by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, those present being the Rev. Father Robert (Director), Mr. M. H. Turner (solicitor), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (secretary), and Messrs. A. B. Stewart, J. T. Bagram, H. M. H. Nemazee, E. Sadick, Li Tse Fong, Li Koon Chun, A. S. Gubbay, D. V. Stevenson, Lau Hi Nam, and S. S. Perry (shareholders).

The CHAIRMAN addressed the meeting explaining the objects for which it was called, and proceeded to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the first resolution, namely,

1.—That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited, and with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that HORACE PERCY SMITH of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

Mr. A. B. STEWART seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the confirmation as a special resolution of the following resolution:

2.—That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the Meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited upon the terms (*inter alia*) of the acquisition by The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 40,000 shares of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited of the nominal value of $25 each credited as fully paid up, being four shares of $25 each of that Company for each share of $100 each of this Company, be and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised, pursuant to Section 185 of The Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidator may think expedient.

Mr. BAGRAM seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then put the third resolution forward for confirmation as a special resolution, namely:

3.—That the aforesaid 40,000 shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited shall in pursuance of clause 8 of the aforesaid Conditional Agreement be allotted as and from the 2nd day of July, 1923, to members who are on the Register of Shareholders of this Company on the date of the confirmation by this Company of the Special Resolution confirming the said Agreement.

Mr. H. M. L. NEMAZEE seconded and the motion was carried.

This concluded the business for which the meeting was called, and the CHAIRMAN announced to members that:—

"Mr. Horace Percy Smith, the Liquidator will be communicating in the usual way with the shareholders of this Company with regard to the payment of $60 per share in respect of each share held by the members of this Company. With regard to the allotment of shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., to members of this Company, the Liquidator will be despatching the necessary application form for members to send in to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., with regard to the allotment to them of shares in that Company."

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The fifty-fourth ordinary general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company was held at Union Buildings, yesterday morning, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presiding. There were also present: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holycak, Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. D. O. Russell (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder (Acting General Manager) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, G. G. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, J. W. Alabaster, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, A. A. Alves, W. F. Gardner, B. M. C. da Cunha and P. M. Hodgson.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen.—The report has been in your hands for some time and, subject to your approval, I will follow the usual procedure and take it as well as the auditor's report as read.

The working account for 1921 shows a balance of $919,894.94 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of $7 and bonus of $3 per share on 20,000 shares	$200,000.00
To transfer to Building Fund	100,000.00
To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense Account	619,894.94
	$919,894.94

Turning to the balance-sheet you will notice that sterling exchange this year is 2/2¾ as against 2/7 last which has the effect of increasing the dollar equivalent of the Company's sterling securities. The balance at credit of the 1922 working account is $1,328,926.07.

Notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you, your Directors have decided, in view of the uncertainty of the times through which we are passing, not to make any increase in the dividend distribution, and I have no doubt this policy will commend itself to you.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts, as presented, be adopted, and after this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. G. S ARCHBUTT seconded and the adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr and Mr. G. M. Dodwell were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the motion of Mr. J. W. ALABASTER, seconded by Mr. A. A. ALVES.

On the motion of Mr. DA CUNHA seconded by Mr. V. R. V. RIBEIRO, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

This was all the business before the meeting.

THE STRANDED JAPANESE STEAMER.

STILL ON THE NINE PINS.

The Japanese freighter, *Yei Maru No. 2*, which went on the rocks at the Nine Pins during Monday night, has not yet been refloated, though the Taikoo Engineers who are busily engaged on salvage operations, are of the opinion that they will be able to refloat the vessel with the assistance of a high tide. Meanwhile the work of jettisoning the cargo continues and up to yesterday afternoon 800 tons of the 3,000 odd tons of coal on board, consigned to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, had been thrown overboard.

SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

LEAGUE TABLE.

"A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
I.R.C.	4	4	0	4
C.R.C.	5	4	1	4
H.K.C.C.	4	3	1	3
U.S.R.C.	5	2	3	2
University	4	2	2	2
Kowloon	3	1	2	1
Civil Service	5	0	5	0
Club de Recreio	2	0	2	0

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
C.R.C.	5	4	1	4
Queen's College	4	3	1	3
University	4	3	1	3
K.C.C. "A"	4	3	1	3
I.R.C.	3	2	1	2
Civil Service	4	2	2	2
Craigengower "B"	4	2	2	2
Kowloon "B"	5	2	3	2
Club de Recreio	3	1	2	1
Netherlands T.C.	4	0	4	0
Craigengower "A"	4	0	4	0

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

"A" Division.

Club de Recreio *v.* C.R.C.
University *v.* I.R.C.
Kowloon *v.* U.S.R.C.

"B" Division.

Kowloon "A" *v.* C.R.C.
I.R.C. *v.* Civil Service.
Club de Recreio *v.* Netherlands T.C.
Craigengower "A" *v.* Kowloon.
Queen's College *v.* Craigengower "B."

SOMEBODY ANNOYED.

POLICE SECURE A CONVICTION FOR STREET FOOTBALL.

At last the police have found somebody who has actually been annoyed by street footballers and this has resulted in the local force securing a conviction against three of a band of youthful footballers who had congregated for a quiet game of "soccer" at the junction of Wyndham Street and Glenealy on the morning of Empire Day.

When the case was mentioned before Mr. Lindsell yesterday morning only one of the three youths put in an appearance and, as he pleaded "guilty" to the charge, he was fined $3. Immediately after the case had been disposed of the other two defendants strolled into Court. They both strenuously denied the charge, one saying that the ball rolled towards him and he gave it a kick and the second gave a complete denied of the allegations.

Sergt. Elston said that he saw the three defendants with another not in custody playing football. The two defendants before the Court were defending the lower end of the street against the attacks of two smaller boys playing down-hill.

The Magistrate: So that it levelled out the handicap!

Sergt. Elston: "Yes." Continuing, witness said he saw all the defendants kick the ball, each in turn, and, he actually saw the second defendant kick the ball so that it passed within three inches of the face of a small Indian child. An Indian with the child called out in English to the defendants to stop playing, but they took no notice. The street was completely blocked.

The Magistrate: The street was blocked. How do you mean?

Witness: Nobody could pass without running the risk of getting in the way of the ball.

"When arrested," continued the witness, "the ball was in the hands of the third defendant."

The Magistrate (jocularly): That is a breach of the rules of football, isn't it?—Yes.

Did he pick up the ball as if in a hurry, trying to escape?—No, I don't think so.

The second defendant, asked if he had anything to say, said he had just returned from making a purchase and when he was standing watching the game he was arrested.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of $3 in each case.

POLICEMAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

WIFE DIES IN HOSPITAL AS THE RESULT OF A KICK.

"I did not intend to do her any harm," was the statement made by a Chinese constable when charged at No. 7 Police Station with the manslaughter of his wife. This statement was read out at the Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, when the case came up for hearing before Mr. J. R. Wood. The statement went on to say that the woman came to the Station and asked defendant for money. He had already paid her allowance and when she asked for more he had none to give, and he kicked her unintentionally when she threw their little child on to the ground.

It was stated in evidence that the incident happened early on the afternoon of the 16th inst. A Chinese detective heard the man and wife quarrelling on the steps and a minute later heard cries of "save live." He rushed out of the Station and found the woman sitting on the steps in great pain. An ambulance was telephoned for and the woman was sent to hospital. According to Dr. Smalley, the deceased was suffering from a ruptured spleen and the injury could be either caused by a blow or a fall. The deceased collapsed shortly after admittance to hospital and died the same afternoon.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence, Dr. Smalley said the prisoner came to the hospital just before the deceased died.

He came there of his own free-will?—Yes.

And he was very upset?—Yes.

Inspector Caygill said the defendant was wearing rubber shoes at the time. He ordered the defendant to remain in Barracks after the incident, and when he received a message from the Government Civil Hospital that the woman was dying he sent for the defendant but found he was missing. On the Inspector's arrival at the Hospital he found the defendant standing alongside the bed. The woman was then dead.

After further evidence had been taken the case was adjourned to Monday afternoon next.

MILITARY TERRORISM IN SWATOW.

[BY A SWATOW CORRESPONDENT.]

The Military Authorities are still carrying on with their high-handed methods, forcibly seizing coolies and doing exactly what they like. Nobody dares to oppose these dictators in any way. Their behaviour here is getting beyond all bounds, and business is gradually being interfered with to such an extent that it is only a question of time when it will cease. I have heard that General Hsu Chung Shih has demanded from the Chaochow prefecture the sum of $2,000,000. These prefectures contain 14 districts, and these 14 districts will have to find the money; otherwise, I am told, every responsible person will be shot and the people looted, and the heads of all Chambers of Commerce will be seized and put into gaol. The people of these two prefectures dare not oppose such a military threat; consequently the money must be found somehow, and $2,000,000 seems to me to be a very large amount to hand over to these military brigands. The way this money is collected is through the various Chambers of Commerce and also through the heads of various towns and villages. If a refusal is met with, a few soldiers are taken round and they very soon collect the money. Li Lieh Chun was the last military bandit we had here, and he collected while here some $2,000,000 during his two months' stay in this port. He sold all the best billets in the place to the highest bidder, and the way he got money from the Chambers of Commerce and also by taxing the people was something astonishing. It is estimated that he must have put into his pocket at least a million dollars, and no doubt a good many of these dollars have already been sent to Hongkong to buy land and shares. This money, stolen from the Chinese people, chiefly merchants, has been the cause for sometime past of sending your share prices up. Why the authorities in Hongkong do not deport all political refugees from the Kwangtung province, I do not know. Hongkong is made the asylum for all these military "bad hats." Their headquarters are in Hongkong, their plans are made in Hongkong and their plunder is taken to Hongkong and invested in property and shares which will bring them some return and give them every security which is not be had in any part of China to-day. I think a blacklist should be kept by the Hongkong Authorities and these gentry should be warned that they had better clear out and not be allowed to plot in a British Colony.

General Hsu Chung Shih is quite a young man. He is very ill and physically unfit to be in charge here. There is no discipline amongst his officers and men, and he is not consistent in anything that he does. I understand that his twenty-second wife is in Swatow with him—the others are in various parts of China.

I hear that Commander Lee Fook Lam has arrived to take charge of the military affairs of Swatow, and it is to be hoped that General Shu Chung Shih will clear out and return to Canton to see his chief, Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

I understand that Chan Kwan Ming is in Hongkong and that his subordinate officers are making attacks to the westward of us, and also to the north of us, but luckily some distance away. The attacking party consists of a small number of troops and in the west they have already been dispersed, but they may reform and attack again.

General Hsu Chung Shih is said to have a good number of troops, but from what we have seen of them passing through the town, they are very badly equipped and some of them are no doubt first-rate pirates. They live on the people wherever they go, do what they like in their houses and altogther behave in a brutal manner—like all Chinese "Braves."

HONGKONG YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers of Hongkong in their report dated May 25th, state:—

Since our last report on the 20th April the increasing lawlessness and brigandage, coupled with the seriously embarrassing political situation in China, is detrimentally affecting the entire trade. Our yarn market has suffered heavily and has remained inactive during the whole interval, except for a small business for Yunnan market, at reduced rates, mostly in best grades of 10s 12s yarn, in about 5,000 bales. Under the above unfortunate circumstances, the Foreign holders, not anticipating any substantial improvement in the near future, are anxious to part with their stocks even at present low rates, but buyers are quiet and are making limited purchases only, for their immediate requirements; hence at the close the tendency is weak and uncertain.

Unsold stock: 16,600 bales. Bargains in Chinese hands: 8,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Owing to present favourable prices, a moderate business is reported in local mills yarn during the interval.

Japanese Yarn.—Notwithstanding a substantial decline in the prices of this yarn, there is an absence of demand.

MAIL SERVICE TO THE FAR EAST.

WELCOME ADDITION.

With reference to the improved Mail Service to the Far East, the *Monthly Record* of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce says:

It means a good deal more to the Manchester trade with China than may appear upon the surface. Hitherto it has been an all-too-frequent occurrence to find that goods have arrived in Shanghai and other ports before the documents (bills of lading, etc.) relating to them. As a consequence, there has been serious delay and inconvenience in dealing with the goods at that end.

The new service inaugurated now will mean that the Holt Line boat, which leaves Liverpool each Saturday, will be able to pick up at Suez, documents relating to the cargo she carries, providing they have been posted in Manchester by noon on the following Tuesday morning.

Even under this arrangement, the time allowed will often be found not to be adequate for the completion of all the relative documents, but the hope is entertained that after the service has been on trial it will be found to be possible to speed up the transit between London and Suez in order to allow of posting in Manchester later in the week.

OUTWARD MAILS.

The *British Chamber of Commerce Journal* (Shanghai) says:—

The question of the mail service has again received the attention of the Committee of the Shanghai Chamber in view of the constant arrival of cargo ahead of the documents relative thereto. The question was taken up with the Post Office in Shanghai and the Chamber has now been assured that whenever transhipment of mails at various ports east of Suez, and particularly Hongkong, will result in quicker delivery in Shanghai the mails will be transhipped.

MILITARY POSITION IN MANCHURIA.

WHY THERE WILL BE NO WAR.

Mr. Lenox Simpson, Chairman of *The Far Eastern Times*, who recently returned to Peking from investigating the position in Manchuria said that there was little danger of warfare breaking out between Chihli and Fengtien for the good reason that Manchuria is overwhelmingly strong to-day.

The reorganization of the Manchurian forces into 25 mixed Brigades, although not yet complete, is sufficiently advanced to put an entirely different complexion on the situation. Since last year all officers of the old school have disappeared. The average age of field officers is about 30 years. Many officers have been trained abroad and at least five foreign languages (French, German, Japanese, English and Russian) are freely used in the Commissioned ranks. All units have been re-equipped and the Manchurian army is becoming especially strong in heavy artillery. Field training is being carried on everywhere.

In the event of trouble the Manchurian armies would probably concentrate at Chinchow, a hundred miles north of Shanhaikwan where an immense entrenched camp is in process of formation. The new arsenal, when completed next year, will be a wonderfully up-to-date establishment with a larger output than all the other arsenals in China. Manchurian officials are, however, careful to declare that they want to mind their own business and are entirely indifferent to what happens inside the Great Wall. In no circumstances will they take the aggressive and they will pay not the slightest attention to Central Government politics until the Constitution has been promulgated and accepted by all the autonomous provinces, when they will be willing to participate in the formation of a national government.

REGISTRALION OF TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

The following Notification (No. 1016) has been issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs at Shanghai:—

Acting under instructions from the Inspector-General of Customs I have to notify the public that on and after July 1st, 1923, all applications for the filing of a Trade Mark or Patent must be accompanied by a Chinese version in duplicate of the letter of application and of the description of the Trade Mark or Patent. Any application received after that date without such Chinese version will not be accepted.

PLATE GLASS WINDOW.

"Looking through my Toric lenses is like looking through a fine plate glass window," said an American lady, in the course of her remarks while in a tramcar the other day. She said just the right thing. It cost a bit more to build a plate glass window and it cost a bit more to make a pair of Toric lenses than the ordinary flat kind. Torics are more than worth the small difference in cost to you in the added comfort you derive from their use. Toric lenses of any prescription are manufactured by The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians, 53, Queen's Road, Central.—ADVT. [1m

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.
Hongkong, 25th May, 1923. [878

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE will continue to be a Managing Director of this Company as heretofore.

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1923. [879

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INTIMATIONS

JUTLAND DAY BALL.

A CALICO BALL (in aid of the NAVY LEAGUE ENDOWMENT FUND, for the Benefit of children whose fathers lost their lives at sea in defence of the Empire) will be held under the Patronage of Admiral Sir ARTHUR LEVESON, K.C.B., on 31st MAY (JUTLAND DAY), at the CITY HALL, at 9.15 P.M.

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Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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The Stewards invite the ladies of Hongkong, to be present. [858

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., on THURSDAY, the 31st MAY, 1923, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to April 30th, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 25th May, 1923, to Thursday, the 31st May, 1923, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 18th, 1923. [852

HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD., will be held at 67/63, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH DAY OF MAY, 1923, at 12 NOON, when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 14th day of May, 1923, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution namely:—

A. That 51,656 of the unissued shares of $10.00 be divided into 129,140 shares of $4.00 each.

B. That the Capital of the Company be divided into two classes of shares namely 48,344 ordinary "A" shares of $10.00 each and 129,140 ordinary "B" shares of $4.00 each and that the provisions following in regard thereto have effect, that is to say:—

(1) The ordinary "A" shares aforesaid shall be those shares which are numbered 1 to 48,343 inclusive and one additional $10.00 share which if and when issued shall be numbered 48,344.

(2) The ordinary "B" shares aforesaid shall be those unissued shares of $4.00 each which will, when issued be numbered 48,345 to 177,485 inclusive.

(3) The said ordinary "B" shares shall as from the date or dates of issue fully paid rank equally with the said ordinary "A" shares as regards dividend transmissibility conference or rights to vote and distribution of assets in the event of winding up.

(4) If the Company shall be wound up the surplus assets shall be distributed as nearly as may be among the members in proportion to the number of shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up. But this clause is to be without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

C. That the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of clauses 107 and 128 thereof.

D. To consider the election of and to elect further Director or Directors.

By Order of the Board,
F. PEPPERELL,
845] Acting Secretary.

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1923. [860

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM PHILADELPHIA, NORFOLK AND NEW YORK.

THE S.S. "EASTERN PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on 26th May, at 10 A.M.

All claims must be presented within 15 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th May, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD.
St. George's Building.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1923. [864

S.S. "ANGERS."

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLES, etc., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 29th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 2nd June, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1923. [872

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "DIOMED" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 24th May.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered, after the 30th May, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the *undersigned* on or before the 13th June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1923. [875

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HONGKONG, MAY 26TH, 1923.

OUR HARBOUR.

THE matter of Harbour improvements was declared by the Economic Resources Committee to be "one of the utmost importance to the Colony." In their Report the sub-committee which dealt with the subject of Shipping said "Granted that the harbour is our principal asset, it is maintained that we require expert advice and properly constituted Port Authorities. There is already a tendency at other places in China (Dairy, Tsingtau and Shanghai), to lay out scientifically constructed harbours, and we are convinced that in view of possible developments, it is necessary that the matter should be thoroughly investigated in order that the Colony may prepare itself for all possible developments. This must be done if our harbour is to maintain its position of supremacy in China." The Government has done it. They invited the well-known firm of Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson and Mitchell, Consulting Engineers to the Crown Agents—*a firm with a wide experience of harbour improvement works*—to make the investigation, and their voluminous report on the subject is now available to the public. Since the urgent need of improvement is pleaded and recognised, it remains only to consider whether the scheme formulated by the Consulting Engineers is one, considered in all its aspects, that should be adopted by the Government. So far as concerns the general scheme for the construction in the bight of Hung Hom Bay of a large reclamation and a series of jetties, and the advisability of proceeding with the scheme by instalments, the views of the Consulting Engineers are not likely, we imagine, to be seriously disputed, but it is the financial aspects of the scheme which will need the earnest attention of competent business men before the Government is finally committed to the scheme, especially in relation to the future working of the trade of the port. The objections which the Report indicates to the formation in Hongkong of a Port Trust seem convincing, and practically reduces controversy to the question as to whether the construction of wharves by the Government to be leased to private companies is an undertaking that should be immediately taken in hand even if it can be convincingly argued that the Government would never obtain, directly, an adequate return on the capital it invested. This is likely to be the chief subject of controversy. The Government, of course, has not necessarily to look at plans of this character from too narrow a point of view in that respect. If we must prepare for possible developments, to maintain our position as a port, it is conceivable that what the Government would lose directly on the capital invested in the construction of these jetties, would be more than covered indirectly by a general expansion of business. When questions of this character are settled there remains the question whether the time has arrived when an immediate commencement should be made with the scheme. The Consulting Engineers estimate that the first instalment of the works they recommend could be completed in about three and a half years. If these works were advised in view of the freight traffic which the completion of the great trunk line of railway to Hankow might bring to this port, we should not be inclined to regard the matter as extremely urgent. We very much doubt, in view of the general conditions prevailing in China, whether we shall be any nearer seeing through traffic on the Canton-Hankow railway five years hence than it is to-day. But the recommendations of the Consulting Engineers are not based on large expectations of railway freight traffic. "Whatever the developments by rail may be," they say, "it is quite clear that full provision must be made in any scheme now undertaken for delivery and collection of goods by water, while at the same time taking care to do everything which may be necessary to enable rail transport to develop gradually." It will be for the Chambers of Commerce and all interests likely to be affected by the scheme to carefully consider it and communicate their criticisms to the Government. Having been repeatedly warned by local Shipping interests of the urgency of the need for improved shipping facilities, the Government is under an obligation to give effect to the views of its expert advisers without unnecessary delay. It is a Report that cannot be pigeon-holed indefinitely.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 12th amounted to 96,218 tons and the sales during the period to 90,453 tons.

Whipped a fortnight ago for hawking without a licence, a youth admitted a similar offence yesterday. Asked by the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) which he preferred—another whipping or a fine—the youth immediately replied "a fine would be much better." He was fined $5.

According to our Canton contemporary, through communication on the Canton-Kowloon railway will be re-established in a few days. It has been suspended for the past six weeks. The "Constitutionalist" troops are now said to be in control of the Chinese section of the line, and to have "repulsed far away from the line the hostile elements."

A verdict of acquittal was rendered by Judge Imperial last week in the bribery charge against Ray Conley, suspended head of the gambling squad of the Manila city secret service, and Eusebio Ramirez, alleged owner of a gambling house in Manila. The court held that there existed a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, and therefore, in accordance with law, they were given the benefit of the doubt.

The American Consul, Mr. S. Pinkney Tuck, and members of his staff at Vladivostock, left for Tokyo on May 17th, completing the withdrawal of all American consular representatives from the territory of Soviet Russia. It was said at the State Department in Washington that Consul Tuck and his staff left their posts only after it became apparent their further efforts to prevent the seizure of American property by the Soviet would be fruitless.

The *Hongkong Weekly Press*, published to-day, contains the full accounts of the unveiling of the War Memorials, accounts of the bandit outrage in the North and all the local news of the week.

A Swatow correspondent to whom we are indebted for the comments on the military situation in that part of the province which are published in another column, writes:—"We have had quite a lively week-end here and enjoyed much interport sport with the Hongkong Cricket team. We were very sorry to say good-bye to them on the 22nd when they returned to Hongkong—with our flag. The games played were very one-sided, and it is hoped that before next year the Swatow team will get into practice and make a better show when they next meet Hongkong."

Two Russian stowaways on the s.s. *Ostberk* from Shanghai to Hongkong, were yesterday sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour at the Magistracy. The defendants said they wished to go to Europe and in preference to Germany. Mr. Wood, in passing sentence, said there were two reasons why he should convict them, one was that they were defrauding the Shipping Company, and the second one was that they did not want people to come into Hongkong who had no prospects of employment. Mr. Wood expressed the hope that the case would appear in the local press so as to act as a deterrent to others.

THE CENOTAPH.

"EMPIRE DAY," 1923.

We have built a high altar, open to Heaven, between the courts of our justice, the hall of our fellowship, and the sea wherein is our strength.

As offering thereon, an empty coffin; for our dead are beyond the sea, perhaps beyond our present fellowship, but most surely under the mercy and justice of our God.

To Him we dedicate this altar; not as to an Unknown God, but to the Father of all men, of friend and foe, of our own and of the stranger.

And may the peace and freedom for which they offered up their lives come to us all, and stay for ever.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UNVEILING OF THE CENOTAPH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—It is often considered very easy to find fault, but praise of excellence is comparatively rare. I therefore venture, as an old resident, to offer my congratulations to the executive of the War Memorial Committee for the extreme excellence and *verve* with which all yesterday's ceremonies were carried out.

I venture to think that there was only one point in which there was any sort of failure, that being the fact that most of us were unable to hear the remarks of either Mr. Bernard or His Excellency, but I have read their speeches with great delight in this morning's paper and again venture to offer my congratulations.—I have the honour to be, Sir,

ONE WHO GENERALLY FINDS FAULT.

ALLEGED THEFT OF LETTERS.

POSTMAN CHARGED.

A Chinese postman was produced before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stealing two letters and with stealing $10 from another letter. The Postmaster-General (Mr. S. B. C. Ross) prosecuted. Sub-Inspector Pincott asked for a formal remand and the case was fixed for hearing for May 30th at noon. Mr. R. E. A. Webster appears for the defence.

ARMED ROBBERY AT JEWELLER'S SHOP.

ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH A BIG HAUL.

An armed robbery occurred within close distance of the Shaukiwan Police Station last night just before eight o'clock. Five robbers all armed with revolvers entered a jeweller's shop at 69, Main Street, Shaukiwan East. After holding up the staff of the shop they ransacked the shop and decamped with a large quantity of jewellery including 50 gold finger rings, 6 pairs of gold bangles, 17 pairs of gold earrings and 80 gold beads.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOOMERANG PROHIBITION LAW.

SPANISH ROYAL MAIL TO DISCONTINUE U. S. SAILINGS.

NEW YORK, May 24th.

The New York agent of the Spanish Royal Mail Steamship Company announces that the company has ordered the discontinuance of all American sailings after June 11th, owing to the Supreme Court's liquor decision conflicting with the Spanish law. After June 11th all the company's steamers will be diverted to Havana (Cuba) and Vera Cruz.

REWARD OR PUNISHMENT?

RE-SHUFFLE OF BOLSHEVIK OFFICIALS.

RIGA, May 24th.

Advices from Moscow state that the Soviet Government has removed Weinstein, who was responsible for the insolent reply to the British Note, from the Foreign Department, and given him a responsible position in the Commissariat Department, while Rothstein, the Bolshevik propagandist in Asia, has been promoted to a high position in the Foreign Commissariat.

NEW USES FOR RUBBER.

COLD VULCANISATION PROCESS.

LONDON, May 24th.

Following the process of cold vulcanisation of rubber, the newspapers are enthusiastically predicting a great future for the new production, which, with the addition of leather filings is capable of a variety of uses, including use as a substitute for leather. A company which has been formed under the presidency of Lord Gainford, will shortly issue a prospectus.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS.

TO BE TRIED IN ANOTHER COURT.

LONDON, May 24th.

A message from Paris points out that the Senate's decision does not mean the release of the Communists, but implies an opinion that the accused should be tried by the Court of Assize instead of the High Court of Justice; consequently, no political issue will be involved.

AMUNDSENS POLAR FLIGHT.

AIR AND SEA ESCORTS PROVIDED.

BERGEN, May 24th.

It has now been settled that Captain Amundsen will start on this North Pole flight from Wainwright, Alaska to Spitzenbergen, about June 20th. The flight is expected to take twenty-hours.

A Norwegian patrolship and two seaplanes will assist in the flight, the former cruising on the edge of the Polar ice, north of Spitzbergen, while the seaplanes will fly northward towards the Pole and meet Captain Amundsen and escort him home, or help if necessary.

SOCIALISTS IN LONDON.

DENOUNCE TREATY OF VERSAILLES AND RUHR OCCUPATION.

HAMBURG, May 24th.

The International Socialist Congress mentioned in a cable message dated May 22nd, has decided to make London the seat of the new International.

The French Socialist leader, Blum, has denounced the Treaty of Versailles and the Ruhr occupation, stating that in his opinion it is impossible to attain security for payments by the dismemberment of Germany.

Vandervelde, a Belgian Socialist, spoke similarly, amid general applause.

LATEST CABLES.

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

PREMIER POINCARE'S SOUND POLITICAL POSITION.

PARIS, May 24th.

The newspapers to-day are unanimous in emphasising that the Senate's decision as regards the Communists is purely legal, and does not imply lack of confidence in Premier Poincare politically. They dwell on the tremendous reception given M. Poincare by the Chamber of Deputies in the course of the Ruhr debate yesterday evening, when his speech was practically unanimously given an ovation. The newspapers also point out that President Millerand has not postponed his visit to Alsace-Lorraine, whither he departs this evening. This is regarded as confirming the general view that the incident is closed.

EARLIER CABLES.

DISAGREEMENT OVER SENATE DECISION.

PARIS, May 24th.

The Poincare Cabinet has resigned in consequence of the Senate's decision that it is incompetent to try Marcel Cachin and other French Communists arrested in the Ruhr at the time of the French occupation. M. Millerand has declined to accept the resignation.

The Senate in giving its decision in the case of the Deputy Cachin and thirty-two other Communists, which resulted in the Ministerial crisis, was sitting as a High Court. The accused were charged with revolutionary activites at the time of the French occupation of the Ruhr in January. The German deputy Hollein was also accused in respect of speeches delivered in Paris in March. After the Public Prosecutor had read the indictment, the Court, presided over by M. Doumergue, discussed with closed doors for three and a half hours, after which it declared by a majority of thirty that it was incompetent to try the cases. M. Poincare thereupon called a Cabinet council and decided to go to the Elysee and resign, on the ground that the Senate's vote indicated no-confidence in the Cabinet, but M. Millerand refused to accept the resignations.

THE NEW BRITISH CABINET.

FORMER MINISTERS RETAINED.

LONDON, May 24th.

It is learned that all the principal present Ministers have accepted office in the new Cabinet, including the Duke of Devonshire, Earl Derby, Viscount Cave, Sir Montagu Barlow, Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Bridgeman and Mr. Amery. It is understood that further pressure will be brought to bear on Sir Robert Horne to accept the post of Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. Chamberlain has so far not been offered an appointment. Lord Robert Cecil has accepted office.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN SITUATION.

OUTLOOK MUCH BRIGHTER.

LONDON, May 24th.

While official comment on the Russian Note is impossible owing to the fact that the Cabinet, to which Lord Curzon is understood to have told M. Krassin he would submit it, is not yet properly constituted, well-informed persons consider the Note unusually conciliatory. Superficially it appears very satisfactory, but closer examination does not seem to give real satisfaction for the British demands.

LONDON, May 24th.

Reuter learns that the general Anglo-Russian situation is considered much brighter, and the prospects of a rupture are believed to be remote.

THE REPARATIONS QUESTION.

FRANCE REFUSES CONSENT TO A MORATORIUM.

PARIS, May 24th.

The Ministerial crisis was preceded by a rather colourless debate in the Chamber on the subject of the Ruhr, in which M. Poincaro affirmed the resolve not to consent to the German desire for a three years' moratorium. He referred to the satisfactory increasing supplies of coal and coke from the Ruhr, and said France could afford to await the first move by Germany. France would not admit any modification of the 1921 scheme of payments.

THE GERMAN COMMUNISTS.

TROUBLE SPREADING.

LONDON, May 14th.

A Berlin message puts the casualties at Golesenkirchen at 10 killed and 70 wounded. The town is now quiet. The municipal authorities have reached an agreement with the Communists, under which the trade union committee assumes responsibility for maintaining order. Red-armletted youths are at present policing the streets. The strike of miners at Dortmund is reported to be spreading, and sporadic outbursts of violence are occurring in other districts.

KRUPPS REQUIRE FORMER MANAGER.

BERNE, May 24th.

The Krupp directorate has requested the Government to release Herr Wiedfeldt, United States Ambassador, from the diplomatic service in order to enable his resumption of his former post of general manager of Krupps, in consequence of difficulties caused by the recent arrests and sentences of Krupp directors in the Ruhr.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

TENNIS.

OSAKA, May 25th.

Preliminary Lawn Tennis Doubles:—Abe and Kawazumi (Japan) beat Ng Szo Kwong and Wai Wing Lok (China) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Preliminary Lawn Tennis Singles:—Harada (Japan) beat Manuel (Philippines) 5-6, 9-7, 6-0, 6-1. Toba (Japan) beat Francesco Aragon (Philippines) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. Toba (Japan) beat Manuel (Philippines) 6-3, 7-5, 6-2. Harada (Japan) beat Francisco Aragon (Philippines) 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Ladies' Lawn Tennis Doubles, final:—Tamura and Kajikawa (Japan) beat Huang Tsui Ying and Ho Sheng Hsi (China) 6-1, 6-2.

Preliminary Baseball:—Philippines beat China by 10 to 2.

In bright sunshine the international open lawn tennis tournament, ladies doubles final was played when Miss Careaga and Miss Santos, (Philippines) beat Huang Tsui Ying and Ho Sheng Hsi (China) by 6-1 and 6-0.

SWIMMING.

Swimming, one mile, final:—Takaishi (Japan). Time: 24mins. 50.1-5secs., breaking the Far Eastern record of 27mins. 26.4-5secs.

The swimming is now completed and the points gained are as follows:—

Japan	24
Philippines	8
China	0

BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL.

Open Basketball:—Filipino "A" Team beat the Japanese St. Paul's College Team by 61 to 27.

International Open Tournament Basketball:—Philippines A. Team beat Osaka Y.M.C.A. by 79 to 17.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

UNITED JAPANESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE WITH RUSSIA.

TOKYO, May 25th.

A demand that definite steps be taken towards an agreement with Russia to ensure mutual economic development through commercial intercourse forms the text of a representation to the Government from the United Chambers of Commerce, now in session here.

The representation continues:—

"An early resumption of the commercial relations of the two Powers is urgently demanded by the propinquity of the two countries, as well as by the indications that Russia is fast recovering her stability, and is seeking the aid of foreign capital, which conditions are not being overlooked by other Powers, with a view to economic expansion in Russia."

The following resolutions were also passed:—

"That better ships be built for the Pacific services."

"That China should withdraw her rice export embargo in return for Japan's recognition of the increase of the Chinese Customs duties."

(Continued on next column.)

JAPANESE TO BE DEPORTED FROM FRANCE.

PARIS, May 24th.

The criminal court has sentenced to three months' imprisonment and subsequent deportation a Japanese journalist named Saka Haosagi, for assaulting the police and using a false passport. He was arrested on May 1st following a Communist meeting at Saint Ouen.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

GENEVA, May 24th.

The Opium Commission of the League of Nations has elected M. Bourgeois (France) as president and Prince Charoon (Siam) as vice-president. It was decided to invite a United States delegation to participate in this Commission's work.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LINCHENG OUTRAGE.

SIGNS OF DISSENTION IN BANDITS' RANKS.

TSAOCHUANG, May 24th.

The bandit representative and Mr. Powell had not arrived this evening. It is believed the bandits are holding another conference and may come to-morrow.

Fairly heavy fighting was heard six miles north of Tsaochuang to-night. It is assumed that either the bandits are attempting to escape to the hills at the rear of Paotzuku, or more bandits are joining Paotzuku, or the bandits have quarrelled among themselves.

A messenger to-night says the prisoners have been moved two or three miles, but letters from Paotzuku do not mention it.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN."]

LINCHENG CAPTIVES.

CONVERTING TSAO KUN TO POLICY OF FORCE.

PEKING, May 24th.

Tien Chung Yu proceeded to Paotingfu by special train this afternoon in the hope of converting Tsao Kun to his policy of employment of force against the bandits.

Messages from Tsaochuang indicate that all the captives are on a mountain peak, where the sanitary conditions are very bad.

The local gentry have urged the bandits to moderate their terms.

There has been no exchange of shots for several days. The troops are now five miles distant from Paotzuku.

Although a cordon of soldiers surround Paotzuku, the brigands have not the slightest difficulty in communicating with their friends.

It is estimated that the bandits number 2,000 rifles.

SHEN JU LIN ADVOCATES FORCE.

PEKING, May 23rd. (Delayed.)

Shen Ju Lin called on the Minister for Portugal, H. E. J. Batalha do Freitas, this morning.

It is understood that he communicated to the *Doyen* proposals to employ force against the bandits.

According to the Chinese version, the *Doyen* agreed that force might be used if necessary, and that China might have a free hand to adopt any means she thought fit.

The Diplomatic Corps met this afternoon, but no official statement has been issued.

Tsao Kun has wired to the Government against the use of force, saying that force would endanger the captives' lives.

The Cabinet held an emergency meeting this evening to discuss Tsao Kun's telegram.

It is possible Tien Chung Yu may go to Paotingfu to persuade Tsao Kun to adopt his policy.

The 10.15 train is again starting to-morrow.

BANDITS' FURTHER TERMS.

TSAOCHUANG, May 24th.

According to a letter from Mr. Powell, the bandits now ask that 10,000 of their men be included in the army, thus giving them control of southern Shantung; that they receive the six months' pay which was not given them when in the army before, and six months' pay in advance.

BANDITRY IN KIRIN.

PEKING, May 24th.

A recurrence of banditry in Kirin is reported.

One party 100 strong threatened Santaokow, in the Chientao district, demanding $6,000 from the villagers.

Other parties of bandits are terrorising Chapikow and Hunchun.

Parties are also terrorising the lumbermen, and are detaining some of the latter.

In several cases they cut off the ears of their captives.

They are demanding large sums from the lumber company, and if these are not forthcoming they will kill their employés.

SITUATION IN FUKIEN.

PEKING, May 25th.

It is reported from Fukien that Sun Chuan Fang, after his arrival at Foochow, attempted to disband the Kuomingang troops in north-west Fukien.

This increased the hostility against him, and he is now almost surrounded by enemies, including the notorious bandits along the Minkiang.

An emissary from Dr. Sun Yat Sen has arrived at Foochow, with whom Sun Chuan Fang may come to terms.

CZAR'S SISTER'S JEWELS.

STORY OF £10,000 FRAUD.

JUDGE AND MR. A. F. CALVERT

The Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna of Russia, sister of the late Czar, was awarded £10,000 damages in the King's Bench Division on April 17th against Mr. Albert Frederick Calvert, an author, of Royston, Eton-avenue, Hamstead, N.W.

She alleged a conspiracy between Mr. Calvert and a man named Maurice Sternbach, and, alternatively, fraudulent misrepresentation by Maurice Sternbach as agent of Mr. Calvert. The defence was a denial of liability.

It was alleged that the Grand Duchess was persuaded to part with her jewels, which were pawned, on promise of big profits from an invention, and that Mr. Calvert had the money. The Grand Duchess received nothing.

Mr. Justice Darling in his summing-up commented on the fact that Mr. Calvert did not go into the witness-box, though, he said, the allegations charged him with being a thief. After giving judgment, the judge ordered the papers in the case to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

LIVING ON JEWELS.

Opening the case, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C., said the Grand Duchess was a sister of the late Czar and a niece of Queen Alexandra. Members of the Imperial family of Russia had left the country with very little to sustain them but family jewels, and by the sale or pawning of those jewels the majority of them lived. The fact that they were bound to pawn their jewels attracted the attention of the light-fingered gentry of the world. Certainly the Grand Duches Xenia when she came to this country had fallen into the hands of a pair of rogues who had swindled her of large sums of money.

Sternbach's career was cut short by the intervention of the police. He was prosecuted for an offence unconnected with the pearls of the Grand Duchess and had been deported to the United States after a term of imprisonment. Mr. Calvert was an Englishman into whose hands, as a result of the frauds practised on the Grand Duchess, £10,000 passed, and it was just possible that some of it remained with him or could be traced.

"PATENT RIGHTS."

The Grand Duchess arrived in England in 1921. In December 1921, Mr. Sternbach obtained an introduction to her, and after several interviews she entrusted him with £1,000 worth of jewellery which he pawned, and the money he got could not be recovered. Early in April, 1922, he got into contact with Mr. Calvert, who was director of a company called the General Exploration and Finance Syndicate. The capital of the company was £100 and Mr. Calvert and his brother-in-law were directors. Mr. Calvert was a company promoter and a man who certainly never satisfied the description Mr. Sternbach gave of him as a financier of high standing in the City.

Apparently the scheme was that Sternbach should pretend to take an option from the Exploration Company to purchase some patent rights of a photographic printing process, and £10,000 was required to enable the Exploration Company and the Grand Duchess to make enormous profits from this invention. The Grand Duchess was very trustful and had no knowledge of business.

On February 11th, counsel said, she gave a row of pearls to Sternbach, who pawned them for £4,000. She gave Sternbach £3,500, and he kept £1,500 of it, while £2,000 went to the General Exploration and Finance Syndicate, and straight into the pockets of Mr. Calvert. On March 7th, 1922, a second string of pearls was pawned for £5,000, and £3,500 of the money was given to Sternbach, who kept £500 and passed £3,000 to the Syndicate.

On March 9th the Grand Duchess sent to be pawned her remaining necklace of pearls for £5,000, which all passed into Mr. Calvert's pockets the same night. All that the Grand Duchess got for the £10,000 was a beautiful-looking document.

Sir Ellis read a letter written by Sternbach to the Grand Duchess on March 14th, 1922, in which he said:—

The business is going as well as even I have a right to expect. . . . I firmly, solemnly believe before your God or mine that on or before to-day week the deal will be closed, and the first deposit or option deposit paid over to me in Paris, not London, of not less than £50,000.

The balance I will discuss when you are a little better, because even a Grand Duchess might get excited if she is not well if I mention the sum of 3,750,000 dollars, or may be more, and 50 per cent. interest on all royalties. . . .

I am sure, madame, that you will admit "Your Pearl Slave" has served faithfully and honourably. One of the finest women in the world, who placed all her confidence and trust in a Jew, but a real one by birth and not by choice, and who thanks you for himself and not in any way for his race, most of which he is as much ashamed as you are. I say again, madame, God bless you for placing me in a position where I can serve you.

I am sending a small piece of marble from the altar of the church at Albert, which was given to me by a dear old priest, and on this piece of holy stone I vow and declare to protect and help you should you ever need me. On the oath and memory of my dear father, Charles Sternbach, on the honour of my dear mother, Rachel Virginia Sternbach, on the honour and memory of our darling first-born, Charles Ray Sternbach, so help me God.

WOULD UPSET THE WORLD.

Sternbach, continued Sir Ellis, was arrested in London for having defrauded a woman of her watch, and had also been arrested in Paris for fraud in connection with dishonoured cheques. For stealing hair-brushes out of the Hotel Cecil he was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment and afterwards deported to the United States.

The Grand Duches Xenia, who gave her evidence in English, said Sternbach told her that the printing process invention was a wonderful thing and would upset the whole world.

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DERBY CANDIDATES.

None of the fancied candidates for the Derby (writes the racing correspondent in an Indian contemporary) has as yet, been seen out in public, but the market already points to the favouritism of Town Guard, who belongs to the owner of Captain Cuttle, though trained in a different stable from last year's hero. Town Guard, of course, is in the famous Gilpin establishment which has appropriated the principal classic race in past years though the medium of Spearmint and Spion Kop. From all accounts—and these include a public statement by Lord Woolavington—the colt has wintered extremely well and there are great hopes of success at Epsom. At the moment it is not certain that he will compete in the Two Thousand Guineas. His nearest rival in the betting market is Papyrus, who it may be recalled, unexpectedly beat him in the Criterion Stakes at Newmarket last October by a couple of lengths. Many people were inclined to believe that Town Guard was off colour that day, but Gilpin would surely not have sent him to the post had all not been well with him. The connections of Papyrus are of the opinion that the victory was gained on merit and they are backing their horse to repeat the performance. Donoghue is to have the mount, so that he has a grand opportunity of doing the "hat-trick," that is the following up his successes on Humorist and Captain Cuttle [Papyrus, according to a cable has become the Derby favourite]. My Lord is to carry the Humorist colours and the reports concerning his progress are most favourable. He will be ridden by the "crack" French jockey, O'Neill. Alec Taylor, as usual, did not hurry his two-year-old, and it is said that in Light Hand he has a colt that is quite likely to bring the bad luck of his patron, Lord Astor, in the Derby to an end at last. Light Hand only made one appearance in 1922 and that was without distinction. But it was the same with Craig an Eran, who lost the "Blue Riband" just by a few inches. The stable in which the Aga Khan trains—that controlled by Dick Dawson—are placing much faith in Legality who showed tremendous speed as a two year old, albeit his temperament did not appear to be ideal for racing. He has grown out of his waywardness I am told, and at the moment is regarded as the ideal thoroughbred in conformation as well as deportment. Twelve Pointer and Hurry Off are being prepared by "Atty" Persse and the former is thought to be the better.

Pharos is on the small side, though beautifully made and he may be the pick of Lord Derby's lot. He is due to run in a mile race at Pontefract in the North, as I write, and one may be better able to judge of his prospects after that outing. Those I have mentioned above are the fancied lot but, of course, outsiders with chances are bound to crop up. So far there is only a colt called Helinster that can be put in this category. He did not run at all last year through an injury to the pelvis, but at the Kempton Park, Easter Monday meeting, he was produced to oppose a very hot favourite in Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Legend. The latter was rather hampered during the race, but in any case he would have beaten Helinster, who revealed undoubted ability and scored easily by a couple of lengths.

THE CANADIAN IMPORT CUSTOMS TARIFF.

The Hongkong office of the Canadian National Railways is in receipt of the following information by cable relative to the changes in Canadian Import Customs Tariff:—

"Customs Tariff 1907 Section 5 repealed and substituted as follows—Importers of goods entitled to benefit British Preferential Tariff now entitled to discount 10 per cent. on amount duty computed under Tariff when goods conveyed without transshipping from country enjoying benefit British Preferential Tariff to Canadian ports excepting alcoholic liquor, and medicines, sugar, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or articles on which duty does not exceed 15 per cent."

Mr. Justice Darling: What have you got for the £10,000 that went into Calvert's possession?—I have got nothing.

Mr. Hastings, K.C., submitted that there was no case for Mr. Calvert to answer.

Mr. Justice Darling said there was ample evidence of conspiracy between Sternbach and Calvert, that the representations were made in pursuance of that conspiracy, and that Calvert himself put £10,000 of the Grand Duchess's money into his pocket. He could not withdraw the case from the jury.

Mr. Justice Darling, summing up, asked: Could any honest man sit in court and hear all those allegations made against him and hear himself charged as being a thief—for that was what it came to—and with being a conspirator with Sternbach to defraud this lady, and yet instruct his counsel not to put him in the witness-box for fear that Sir Ellis Hume-Williams should cross-examine him?

The jury without retiring returned a verdict for the Grand Duches for £10,000.

Mr. Justice Darling directed that the papers in the case should be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr. A. F. Calvert has stated that he intends to appeal.

MR. CALVERT'S CAREER.

Mr. Albert Frederick Calvert is a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic and a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Alfonso XII. He is a corresponding member of the Spanish Academy and hon. member of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in London.

Born in 1872, he has travelled in America, Australia, Ceylon, the Pacific Islands, and Spain. He has written several books on Australia. In 1921 he wrote a book on pearls and pearl culture.

In 1907 Mr. Calvert was a director or promototer of 16 companies, principally of a mining and financial character. At one time he owned several racehorses, among them being Bridegroom, Breadwarding, Chit-Chat, and Clwyd.

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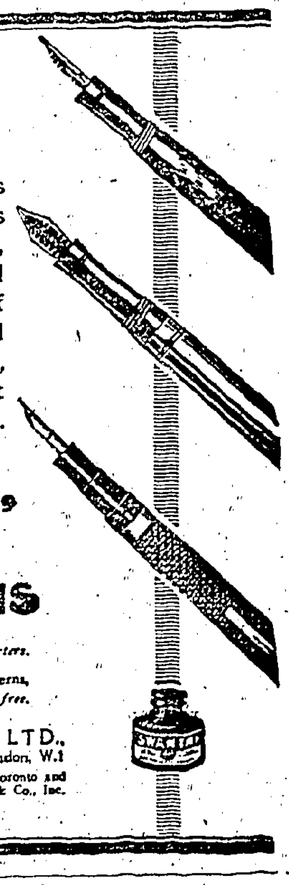
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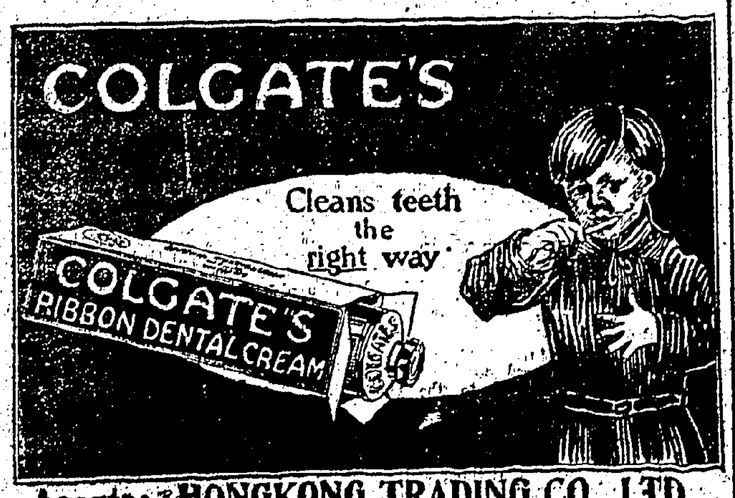
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WIRELESS LICENCE DEAD LOOK IN GT. BRITAIN.

G.'s ATTITUDE.

The Postmaster-General Sir William Joynson-Hicks, made the follow statement last month to the Political correspondent of the *Daily Mail* with regard to wireless licences.

Mr. Kellaway, when Postmaster-General, rightly or wrongly, gave the British Broadcasting Company an agreement for two years. This laid it down that during that time the Postmaster-General should issue broadcasting licences subject to conditions:

1.—The payment of 10s. a licence, half of which was given to the company.

2.—That the owner of the licence should buy only British Broadcasting Company's instruments.

But there was reserved to the Postmaster-General the power to issue experimental licences free of all conditions. Some 40,000 people have applied for experimental licences. I am convinced that the great majority of these are more interested in experimental construction than they are in actually listening to the concerts.

The British Broadcasting Company objected to my issuing this licence, and negotiations have taken place to see whether I can issue a third licence to such people.

The company suggested that licences should cost 30s., of which the Post Office should give over 15s., also that all the component parts used by constructors should be marked "B.B.C." and manufactured by one of their combine.

These two conditions I objected to.

COMPONENT PARTS.

The company have now given way with regard to the 30s. and agreed to my issuing a constructor's licence at 10s., but they insist on the component parts being B.B.C. parts. That would prevent the constructor from making his own machine as he liked and would give a complete monopoly to manufacturers in the combine as against other British manufacturers and as against foreign manufacturers.

I have no sympathy with foreign manufacturers and I have offered to make it a condition that the third licence that all the parts used by constructors be of British manufacture.

It is noteworthy that the British Broadcasting Company agreed last week to my granting a licence under these conditions only if I made the fee 20s., which I declined; but since they will agree to a fee of 10s. they are insisting that all the component parts should be made by their own combine, and that I cannot agree to.

My own opinion is that I am entitled to issue experimental licences, and that I am even compelled to do so should any applicants for such licences pursue me. This question I have left to the Legal Department of the Post Office for their consideration and on their opinion I shall have to act.

200,000 UNLICENSED.

There are probably 200,000 people at the present time using wireless sets for which they have paid no licence at all. I think the British Broadcasting Company are making a mistake from their own point of view in not agreeing to my proposals. If, as I believe, I am compelled to issue experimental licences which would not come under the existing agreement, they would get nothing; but if they agreed, as I suggested, to a third licence of 10s., which is not a prohibitive figure, the majority of these people would come in and take licences and the British Broadcasting Company would receive 5s. for every one thus taken."

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST WOMAN LEGISLATOR.

A portrait of Mrs. Edith Cowan, O.B.E., M.L.A., has been hung in the Public Library, Perth, Western Australia, to commemorate the fact that she was the first Australian woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament. The portrait was unveiled on January 19th by the Hon. Lady Newdegate before a large gathering of women. The Premier of Western Australia and other State Ministers, and the Mayor of Perth, attended the ceremony. Mrs. Cowan has been a member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly for nearly two years.

ANOTHER DANCING RECORD.

Miss Alma Cummings, a vegetarian, after dancing continuously for fifty hours and thereby beating her previous record of twenty-seven hours, rested on the night of April 10th amid the applause of a big audience, including six utterly worn-out partners. As a memento of the event she was presented with a silver cup worth £25 with an inscription declaring her the winner in physical endurance and terpsichorean grace. Miss Cummings declares that she owes her power of endurance on a vegetarian diet. She now ranks with such stunt luminaries as Dan O'Leary, who walked 105,000 miles, and Hans Knackenschmidt, who shaved a man in six seconds without mortally wounding the victim.

WOMEN SOLICITORS.

A very remarkable success was achieved at the last Law Society examination of students by Miss Agnes Twiston Hughes. Not only was this lady the only woman student to pass the final examination, but she was awarded the Sheffield Prize (founded by Mr. Arthur Wightman), value about £25, and the John Mackrell prize, value about £13. Miss Hughes is a Bachelor of Science of London University. Several other women passed in the intermediate examination, the legal portion of the examination only, and in the hunt accounts and bookkeeping portion.

AN EXPENSIVE TERM OF CONTEMPT.

The public in Berlin will do well in future to avoid the term "silly goose," its favourite expression of contempt for a woman. A Berlin court, on April 18th, fined a woman 100,000 marks for using the expression to a girl booking clerk who was rather slow in handing out a ticket. The Court held the view that the term was abusive, and that the woman clerk ought to be protected against insult.



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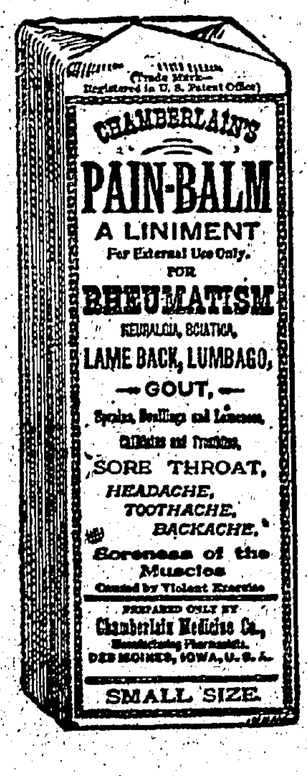
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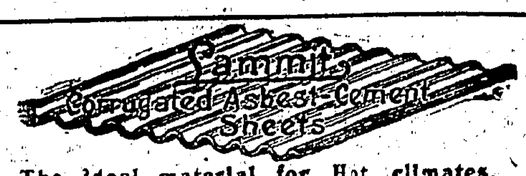
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"The twentieth century is not likely to be quite so prosperous for us as the nineteenth, and there are some dangerous rocks ahead. But the lessons of history are, as Lord Curzon says, encouraging, though it is unlucky that we cannot produce a great man to lead us, just when we most want him.—DEAN INGE, in the *Evening Standard*."

AN UNQUIET PEACE.

"Four and a quarter years of war, and then four and a quarter years of unquiet peace—that is the point at which we have now arrived," writes Dean Inge in the *Evening Standard*.

"Lord Curzon has taken the opportunity to make an important speech at a public dinner about the condition of the world at the present moment. It was an encouraging speech, without being unduly optimistic. We have no use for either optimists or pessimists. A barometer which is fixed at 'Set Fair' is as ridiculous as one which is fixed at 'Stormy'; no one would give sixpence for either of them.

"There is much to depress us in the slow progress which the nations have made towards settling down, in the bankruptcy of all the Great Powers except England and America, in the 'sort of war' in which France and Germany are engaged, in the grave economic and industrial conditions at home, and in the course of events in the Near East.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

"On the other hand, we have to consider what we could reasonably expect; and Lord Curzon advises us to study the history of the years which followed the last great war, a hundred years ago. Referring to recent histories of that period, he thus sums up the state of England after the Peace of Vienna.

"These years were among the darkest in our history. Peace brought distress rather than prosperity. With the cessation of war expenditure due to war ceased, all countries' practised retrenchment, and our own expenditure was halved. There was no Continental demand for our manufactures; prices fell, and with prices wages. Our National Debt exceeded eight hundred millions. Farms were thrown out of cultivation; the ranks of the unemployed were swelled by the reductions in the Army and Navy. Bankruptcies increased in numbers every day, landlords received no rent, and tenants could sell no corn. Estates offered for occupation rent free were rejected. Distress led to riot, and riot to harsh repression. This certainly sounds rather worse than the state of England to-day.

THEN AND NOW.

"Even since the war began I have found this comparison with the last great war most instructive. Then as lately, there was a great coalition against the predominant military power, which for a time seemed likely to prove too strong for all its enemies combined. Then, as in 1918, it was sea power which really decided the struggle. Napoleon could not strike at the heart of England, and we wore him down, as we did the Germans. Our allies then failed us again as the Russians failed us in 1917. Then, as in the Great War, we had a small factious and unpatriotic party; but on both occasions the vast majority fought on with dogged pertinacity and indomitable resolution. Money was poured out like water in both wars; we financed our allies, who showed little gratitude and no readiness to repay us.

"Our anger against our enemies was just the same. Sydney Smith preached war sermons in St. Paul's full of denunciations of the shameless perfidy of the French and their barbarous atrocities in Switzerland and elsewhere. We have heard many sermons of this kind: only the name of the enemy was changed.

GENEROUS VICTORS.

"When the fighting was over there was a Congress to settle the affairs of Europe. And here we come to a difference. Under the guidance of that great statesman Castlereagh, the most unjustly calumniated figure in English history, England insisted on treating the beaten French so generously that they should have no wish for a war of revenge. Our representatives at the Congress of Vienna were free to do what they thought best for their country and for the peace of Europe. They were not thinking of the next General Election, and never exclaimed, 'Hang Bonaparte,' or 'Make France pay.' They were hampered to some extent by promises made to Russia, Prussia, and Austria during the war, but those promises were less reckless than some that we made during the Great War.

THE HOUR, BUT NOT THE MAN.

"'The merits of the great settlement,' says Mr. Trevelyan, 'gave Britain security which she used for a hundred years of progress in liberty and high civilisation; the defects of the same settlement set a date to that happiness in the end.' So far-reaching is the effect of the work of statesmen. In 1919 the hour had come, but not the man. As Lord Bryce says: 'The men at Vienna at any rate knew what they were doing, and gave effect to their principles. But there is not one of the treaties of 1919 and 1920 which is not already admitted to need amendments. Some are utterly condemned by results already visible. Some are leading straight to future wars.' Very few persons in England will think this censure too severe.

"Nevertheless, I think that the comparsion of 1923 with 1921 is encouraging on the whole," adds Dean Inge. "The social order of European civilisation has survived a tremendous strain. In 1919 there seemed to be a real danger of general revolution, spreading westwards from Russia. It is no secret that our own Government was afraid. In Germany there were Communist outbreaks; in Hungary the Reds were in power for some months; in Italy the danger was acute. Now we hear that Communism has been virtually abandoned even in Russia, and the menace of revolution in the West is nearly over for the time.

"Lord Curzon is able to point to Czecho-Slovakia, to Poland, and to Austria as countries which are either doing well or in the way to improve their condition. In this country the advance in capital values, particularly in home railways, has been notable. If the French could be induced to abandon their rash enterprise and behave like good Europeans, we might look forward to the steady convalescence of Europe."

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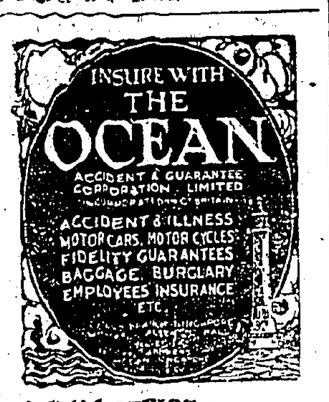
If everybody could be persuaded to realise that the little shocks and jars of life, the little acts of carelessness we hardly ever think about—worry, too much work, lack of exercise, late hours, and so on—very seriously affects the digestive system, and often throws it out of gear, then there would certainly be fewer ailing people in the world.

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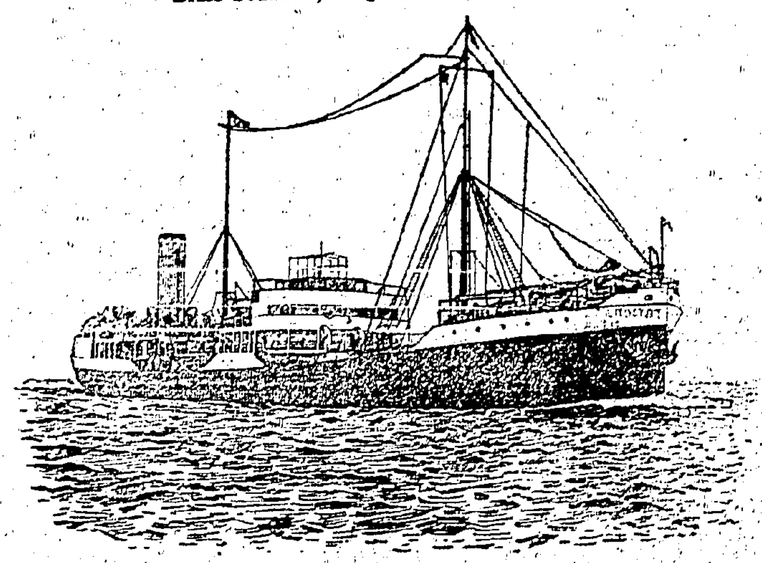
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Hayasaki Maru No. 32, Japanese str., 802 tons, Capt. Y. O. Kada, from Keelung, with coal.—Suzuki & Co.

Haruna Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

Kanchow, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. W. Tonkin, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Lake Fault, American str., 1,608 tons, Capt. W. Bahr, from Calcutta and Singapore, with a general cargo.—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

Oosthaven, Dutch str., 5,067 tons, Capt. B. Huyser, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.

Samaring Maru, Japanese str., 2,447 tons, Capt. K. Yasui, from Karatsu, with a general cargo.—Nanyo Yusen Kaisha.

Seiyo Maru, Japanese str., 4,770 tons, Capt. T. Yokoyama, from Valparaiso and Karatsu, with a general cargo.—T.K.K.

Sekkoo Maru, Japanese str., 2,012 tons, Capt. Yoshida, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Shenyi Lunse, British str., 1,866 tons, Capt. M. Robinson, from Chinwangtao, with coal.—Hodwell & Co.

Tean, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Manila, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Tientsin, British str., 1,227 tons, Capt. H. P. Carver, from Swatow.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

May 25th.

Cheong Yue, for Canton.
City of Birmingham, for Manila.
Diomed, for Shanghai.
Haicheng, for Swatow.
Hong Wan, for Swatow.
Kanchow, for Canton.
Kwangtet, for Canton.
Lung Shan, for Canton.
Loong Sang, for Manila.
Oosthaven, for Manila.
Panting, for Weihaiwei.
Peking Maru, for Takao.
President MacKinley, for Manila.
Shinshu Maru, for Hongay.
Tai Sang, for Canton.
Tatsuma, for K. C. Wan.
Tientsin, for Ningpo.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* from Hongkong on May 8th arrived at Vancouver on May 23rd.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., *viâ* Shanghai (Woosung), Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Saturday, June 2nd.

The P. & O. s.s. *Tigris* left Shimonoseki for this port on Thursday, May 24th, at 3 p.m., and is due here on Tuesday, May 29th, at 6 a.m.

The s.s. *Antenodon* (Blue Funnel) for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, left Shanghai on May 24th for this port, and is due here on May 27th. Vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on May 28th.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Aki Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Atsuta Maru (N.Y.K.), due June 9th.
Empress of Russia, due June 3rd.
Hekuba (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd.
Japan (B. I. & Ameer Line), due May 27th, a.m.
Kashima Maru (N.Y.K.), due June 18th.
Muroran Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 27th.
Perthos, (M.M.), due June 19th.
President Pierce, due June 10th.
Rhesus (Blue Funnel), due June 9th.
Tamba Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 29th.
Teiresias (Blue Funnel), due May 31st.
Troilus (Blue Funnel), due June 14th.
Tymeric (Rickmers Line), due June 2nd.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

FOREIGN TRADE LINES FOR SALE.

A broad statement of American shipping policy was made after a conference at which President Harding on April 14th met the members of the Shipping Board. The chief end to be sought "is the establishment and maintenance of an American merchant marine" and the Board "will proceed at once to the consolidation of the foreign trade lines and then offer the sale of these lines and ships conditional on a suitable guaranty of maintained service."

It was apparent from what was said at the close of the conference that there is nowhere much hope of success in the disposal of the Government lines and this was undoubtedly reflected in a further announcement that "if such sales cannot be made without an unjustifiable sacrifice of the ships, then the Government will proceed to direct Government operation aggressively pursued." In short, it is added, "there is unanimous agreement that the existing law contemplates and authorizes an adequate and maintained American merchant marine, and such course will be followed as will fully guarantee it and contemplate its larger development."

Neither the President nor the members of the Board favour Government operation, but all agree that considerations of greater import than personal opposition to a policy must dictate future action. The first step will be the reduction of the number of operating groups from the present figure of thirty-five to somewhere between eighteen and twenty-five. Bids will then be asked on a basis of this reapportionment, and it is expected that within sixty days it will be known whether private capital will be forthcoming in sufficient volume to ensure private ownership.

The Government, it is frankly said, however, has no intention of letting what is known as the "cream routes" go and of continuing to operate those apparently less lucrative. If Government operation becomes necessary, the managing agency agreements under which the vessels are now operated will be ended for all except passenger ships, and the Government will assume direct charge.

There are at present 388 vessels in the Government shipping fleet whose approximate value is $150,000,000 [£32,260,000].

REBUILDING GERMAN SHIPPING.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA PROGRESS.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line, in its annual report, states that the grant made by the German Government was allotted with the obligation on the company to rebuild one-third of its pre-war tonnage, but, owing to the depreciation of money, the sum has proved totally inadequate. Yet during 1922 there had been delivered 26 ocean-going vessels, of 98,030 gross tons, and in the first quarter of 1923 a further seven steamers, of 34,004 tons gross, while 14 ocean-going steamers of 10,800 tons were being built. Further, the company has acquired the following steamers:—*Brucella*, *Galicia* (ex *Thessalia*), and the *Toledo* (ex *Kigoma*, ex *Algeria*), 8,105 gross tons.

A number of new vessels are to be fitted with Diesel engines. As the result of the satisfactory experiments with the one-cabin class of passenger accommodation in the steamer *Hansa* in the North American service, the company has decided to fit the new steamers *Thuringia* and *Westfalia* on the same principle, and they are to come into the service this year.

The connexion with the Harriman group (United States Lines) is reported to have worked satisfactorily during 1922. About ninety voyages were made in the North Atlantic route during 1922. Great attention is, it is stated, being devoted to the development of relations with Russia, and co-operation with the Russian Trade Delegation in the Deutsche Russische Transport Gesellschaft has been thoroughly satisfactory. It is hoped to institute a more regular service to Petrograd.

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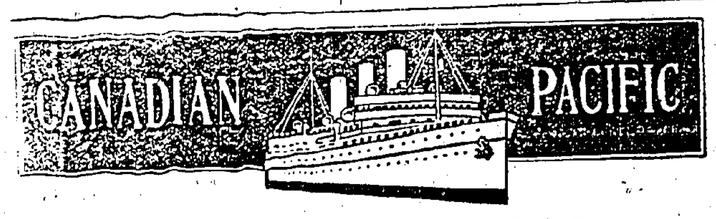
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NEW YORK & BOSTON	Roman Prince	Brit.	Prince Line	About 19th June
BOSTON & NEW YORK via SUEZ	Oanfa	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 5th June
SAN FRANCISCO, &c.	Doylestown	Am.	Struthers & Barry	On 30th May
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress Russia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	About 14th June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS.	Shidzuoka Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 4th June
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA	Hawaii Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 4th June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	Achilles	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 11th June
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	Empress Canada	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 2nd June
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWARP	Nyanza	Brit.	P. & O.-B. I. & A. L.	On 30th May, 11 a.m.
MARSEILLES, &c.	Angers	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 25th June
MARSEILLES, &c.	Amboise	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 23th May
MARSEILLES, &c.	Cordillero	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 11th June
MARSEILLES, &c.	Haruna Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 6th June
MARSEILLES, LYDON, ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	City of Tokio	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 8th June
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Elpenor	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st June
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	Automedon	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th May
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Amur Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 14th June
LONDON, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Glenariffe	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd	On 24th May
LONDON, HUMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	Onderkerk	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 20th June
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ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Meinam	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	About 27th May
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Lt. St. Loubert-Bie	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On
HAVRE, ANTWERP & DUNKIRK	Wakasa Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th May
HAVRE, ANTWERP & DUNKIRK	Hosang	Brit.	Jardines, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 30th May, 3 p.m.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO	Soudan	Brit.	P. & O.-B. I. & A. L.	On 5th June
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Van Overstraten	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	Nippon	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 5th June
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI	Wuhu	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 29th May, Noon
BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE	Taikwa Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 31st May
HAIPHONG	Saian Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 31st May
HAIPHONG via HAIHOW & PAKHOI	Hinsang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 26th May, 1 p.m.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY	Aki Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th May, 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Eastern	Brit.	P. & O.-B. I. & A. L.	On 2nd June
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	Changsha	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 26th May, 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Esang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 27th May, Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Muroran Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 26th May
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	Japan	Brit.	P. & O.-B. I. & A. L.	On 23th May
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Shantung	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th May, 4 p.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & JAPAN	Fiume-Li	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 30th May
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Tjikembang	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	About 26th May
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Atlas Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 29th May
DALNY	Chipshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st June, Noon
JAPAN PORTS	Tjisalak	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	About 29th May
TIENTSIN	Honolulu Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 6th June
BATAVIA	Chaksang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 29th May, Noon
CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & RANGOON	Kaigau	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 29th May, Noon
BANGKOK via SWATOW	Haifoong	Brit.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 1st June, 12 Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Haihong	Brit.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 29th May, 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Yuensang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st June, 3 p.m.
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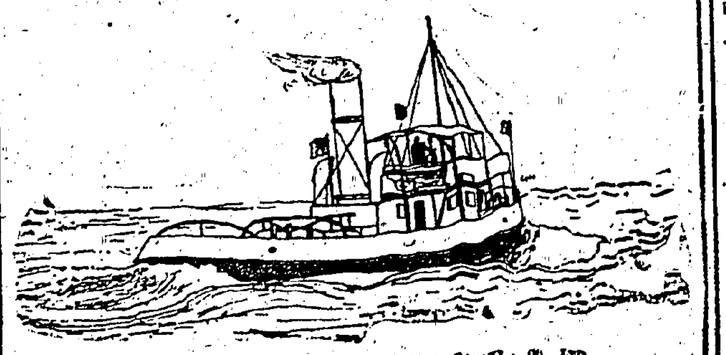
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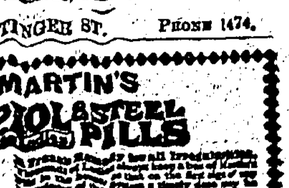
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N.B.—Psalm 29, verses 1, 4, 5 in unison.
Psalm 33, verses 1, 8, 12 in unison.
Psalm 150, verses 4 in unison.
Psalm 145, verses 1, 6 in unison.
Healing Service (12 noon); Evensong (6 p.m.); Responses, Ferial; Psalms, 93 Stainer, 99 Battishill and 115 Wickes; Magnificat, No 7. Spohr; Nunc Dimittis, Barnby; Hymns, 161, 163, 22.
N.B.—Psalm 93, verses 1, 4 in unison.
Psalm 99, verses 1, 5, 9 in unison.
Psalm 116, verse 1, 9, 12, 18 in unison.
Hymn 161, verse 6, in unison. [115

UNION CHURCH (Kennedy Road).—Sunday Services, May 27th:—
Dedication of new Pulpit and Communion Table.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.
Hymns: 135, 22, 370, 570.
Anthem:—Jesu Word of God Incarnate. Rev. D. T. W. Pearce will offer Dedicatory Prayer. Sermon by Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.
Evening Service at 6 o'clock.
Hymns: 111, 372, 761, 673.
Subject:—Personal Reminiscences of Thirty Years.
Ministry:—Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie. [1589

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (SCIENTIST), MacDonnell Road, below Bowen Road, Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 8.45 p.m. [183

WEATHER REPORT.

May 25th at 11.15.—Pressure has increased considerably at Shanghai, and decreased moderately from Vladivostock to central and N.E. Japan. It has increased slightly at other reporting stations.

The Chinese depression is now shown as a V-shaped depression over the Sea of Japan.

A depression remains over S.W. China.

Gradients are still shallow over the Cairn Sea and the Philippines.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 25th May, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 10.78 inches, against an average of 20.43 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 26th May, is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock	S. to S.E. winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain later.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 25th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.73	29.76	29.73
Temperature	87	80	88
Humidity	67	82	65
Wind Direction	WSW	SSW	S
Force	3	1	2
Weather	c	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.06

Highest open-air Temperature on 24th ... 87
Lowest open-air Temperature on 25th ... 80

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 26th to June 1st, 1923.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water: H'kong Standard Time	Height	Low Water: H'kong Standard Time	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in
Saty.	26	m 6 30	5 7	m 0 6	1 8
		e 6 29 a	5 5	e 0 38 a	2 8
Sun.	27	m 7 4	5 8	m 0 43	2 6
		e 7 34 a	5 4	e 1 37 a	2 0
Mon.	28	m 7 38	5 7	m 1 26	2 2
		e 8 35 a	5 3	e 2 27 a	1 4
Tues.	29	m 8 13	5 2	m 2 2	2 4
		e 9 31 a	5 1	e 3 14 a	2 8
Wed.	30	m 8 50	5 5	m 2 37	2 5
		e 10 32 a	4 9	e 4 08 a	2 5
Thur.	31	m 9 29	4 6	m 3 11	2 7
		e 11 30 a	4 7	e 4,45 a	2 3
Fri.	1	m 10 9	4 5	m 3 46	2 9
				e 5 31 a	2 4

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"SICILIA"	6,813	28th June	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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"DEVANHA"	8,092	25th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"SICILIA"	6,813	22nd Aug.	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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Cebu	*Achilles*		5.00 P.M.
Port Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	*Hawaii*		5.00 P.M.
Philippine Is., Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th June	*Aki Maru* ...	Registration Letters ...	5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Kowlung	*Kaijo Maru* ...	Sunday 27th,	9.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, and Bombay	*Wakasa Maru* ...		9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	*Shantung*		9.00 A.M.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, about 29th June ...	*Amboise* ...	Monday, 28th, Registration Letters	12.45 P.M. 1.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Hydrangea*		3.30 P.M.
Straits and Bombay	*Akipore* ...	Tuesday 29th,	10.30 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	*Chaksang* ...		10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haihong* ...		Noon
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 3rd July ...		Parcels 29th,	5.00 P.M.
	Nyanza ...	Wednesday, 30th, Registration Letters...	9.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.
		JUNE	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haifoong* ...	Friday, 1st, Parcels 1st,	11.0 A.M. 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada U.S.A., Central & South America, & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C. —due Vancouver, 18th June ...	*Empr. of Canada*	Saturday, 2nd, Registration Letters	9.15 A.M. 10.00 A.M.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD

From Shewan Branch For	On Week-days	On Sunday	On Holidays
Canton and Samshui	7.20 A.M.		7.20 A.M.
	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	930 A.M.
	9.30 P.M.		9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shek Ki	6.00 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kaukong	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
	6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays		
Wuchow	4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.	4.00 P.M.

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COMMERCIAL

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

25th May, 1923.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	2/4
Bank Bill, on demand ...	2/4 1/16
Bank Bill, at 30 days, sight ...	—
Banks Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/4½
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/4 13/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/4 15/16
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	810
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	860
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	56⅛
Credits, at 60 days' sight	56⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	—
Bank Bills, on demand ...	174½
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	—
Bank Bills, on demand ...	174½
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	—
On Yokohama.—On demand	110½
On Manila.—On demand ...	198½
On Singapore.—On demand	99½
On Batavia.—On demand ...	139½
On Haifong.—On demand...	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand ...	—
On Bangkok.—On demand ...	79½
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	$ 8.34
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	46.80
Bar Silver, per oz.	32 9/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital... ...	$50,000,000
Paid-up Capital...	$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling	£4,500,000
Silver	$24,500,000
*Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$20,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1923. [27

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1922. [28

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£3,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ...	£3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [31

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

華商銀行有限公司

HEAD OFFICE
Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road.

GENERAL Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

K. C. LAU,
Chief Manager.

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THE BANK OF CHINA.

中國銀行

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital	$40,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds	8,607,672.00

HEAD OFFICE—PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 4, Queen's Road Central. Branches and sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.
The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.
The Equitable Trust Company New York.

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

TSUYEE FEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [32

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15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital	$2,000,000
Subscribed Capital	$1,800,000
Paid-up Capital...	$1,050,000
Reserve Fund	$1,200,000

BANKERS
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE LONDON JOINT CITY & MIDLAND BANK LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bombay	Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
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Galle	Kota Kinabalu	Port Louis (Mauritius).	

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

H. C. WILSON,
Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, March 22nd, 1922. [30

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

A. Capital ...	F. 100,000,000	$3,312,512
Paid-up Capital ...	F. 80,000,000	$2,666,666
Reserve Fund ...	F. 19,445,200	$1,620,433
Special Reserve ...	F. 23,668,000	$1,888,333

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Branches at
The Hague:—Rotterdam.
Head Agency:—Batavia.

BRANCHES:—

Bandjermasin	Macassar	Shanghai
Bandoeng	Medan	Singapore
Bombay	Padang	Soerabaia
Calcutta	Palembang	Soerakarta
Cheribon	Pekalongan	(Sels)
Djember	Penang	Tegal
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tjilatjap
Kobe	Rangoon	Weltevreden
Kota-Radja	Samarang	

Correspondence at Colombo, Madras Pondicherry, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, etc., etc.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America and Australia and transacts banking business of every description.

W. H. GROSKAMP,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 4th, 1922. [37

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:—
No. 10 Des Voeux Road C, HONGKONG.
Established 1919.

Authorised Capital ...	$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...	5,000,000.00
Reserve Fund ...	500,000.00

DIRECTORS:
Mr. PUNG WAI TUNG, Chairman.
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Asst. Manager ... Mr. L. Tse Fung.

BRANCHES & AGENCIES:—	
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CALCUTTA	CANTON

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account at the rate of two per cent. per annum on Sterling Account Four per cent. per annum; and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 6 months at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum
For 9 months at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum

KAN TONG FO
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 24th, 1922. [24

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid up) ...	Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund ...	Yen 69,000,000

HEAD OFFICE YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies at

Batavia	Kobe	Soerabaya
Bombay	London	Rangoon
Buenos Ayres	Lyons	San Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Seattle
Changchun	Manila	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Nagasaki	Singapore
engtien	Nagoya	Shimonoseki
Mukden	Newchwang	Sydney
Hamburg	Osaka	Tientsin
Hankow	New York	Tokyo
Honolulu	Peking	Tsinanfu
Harbin	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtau
Ke Yuen	Saigon	Vladivostok

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

T. NISHIYAMA,
Manager.

19th March, 1923. [39

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.
(TAIWAN GINKO).
Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 50,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	" 37,500,000
Reserve Funds	" 13,130,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Kashung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Taihoku, Tamsui, Tokyen, Heito.
CHINA—Shanghai, Mankow, Hankiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS—Hongkong, Bangkok, Singapore, Soerabaya, Somarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:
LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARR'S BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russian Manchuria, Tsingtau, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

S. KONDOH
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH,
8, Des Voeux Road
Hongkong, 7th September, 1923

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

HEAD OFFICE: 96 Boulevard Haussmann Paris

Subscribed Capital...	Frs. 75,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...	Frs. 62,500,000.00
Reserves Funds ...	Frs. 69,867,215.44

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Battambang	Mongtze	Shanghai
Canton	Newmen	Singapore
Djibouti	Paperte	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Touranne
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Vunnanfou
Hanoi	Pondichery	

BANKERS
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et de-Pays-Bas Crédit Industriel et Commercial Société Générale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co., French American Banking Corporation Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARSOT,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, July 13th, 1921. [32

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